

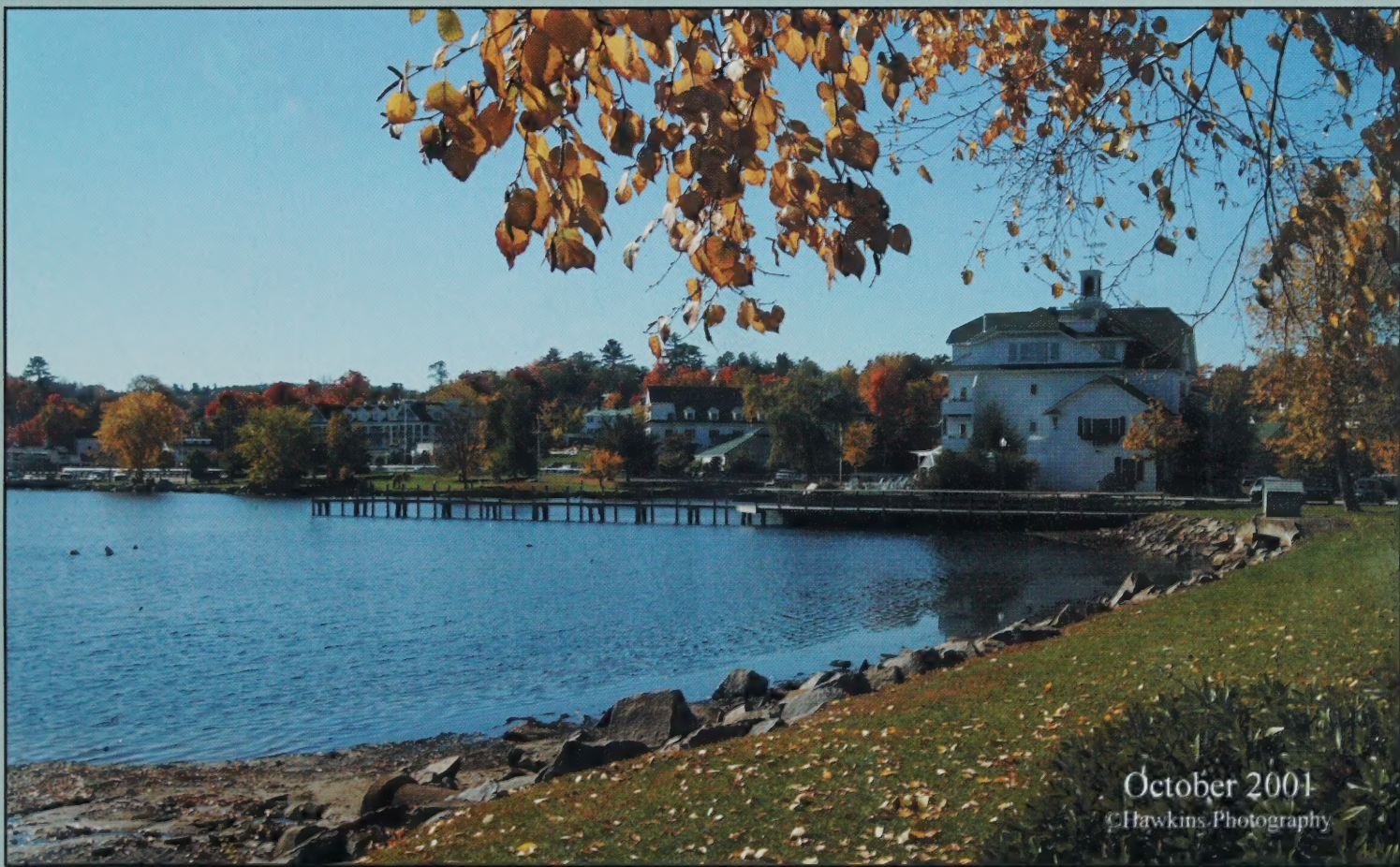
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Circa: 1960



October 2001
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Front Cover

2001 Town of Meredith Annual Report

The two photos are of Meredith Bay at
the corner of Route 3 & 25,
then and now.

The top photo was taken in the early
1960's viewing the Amatex Mill
complex. In the early 1960's, a gas
station was located on the corner of
Routes 3 & 25. The picture indicates
the lack of concern over environmental
issues at that time.

The lower photo was taken in the fall
of 2001. The Town, various
community groups and local
businesses during the past 20 years
have re-developed the site with
commitment to the environment and
taking pride in our community.

The Mill Falls project during the
1980's, removed the Amatex Mill
complex and replaced it with an
appealing area for both residents and
visitors to Meredith. Also during the
1980's, the Meredith Rotary and the
Town took pride in the reconstruction
and upgrade of Hesky Park and the
barbeque pit area, another show of
community pride. Lastly, the
development of Bay Point in the 1990's
completed the upgrade to the corner of
Rte 3 and 25.

THE TOWN OF
MEREDITH
NEW HAMPSHIRE



2001

ANNUAL REPORT

for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

The 2001 Town Report is dedicated in memory to the following two distinguished outstanding citizens:



Dr. Edith Bushway Horne
1899 ~ 2001

Dr. Edith Horne graduated from Ashland High School in 1917 and from the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago, Illinois in 1927.

Dr. Horne and her husband Guy established their business practice in Meredith in 1933; she retired in 1997, after seventy years of practice.

In 1998 she received the Meredith Boston Cane, which signified that she was our oldest living resident in the Town. She held the Boston Cane, four consecutive years until she passed on at age 101.

She and her husband were instrumental in founding the Trinity Episcopal Church in Meredith.

Some of her many awards included: National Honor Society Outstanding Citizen Award in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to young people in 1968; Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research in 1983-1984; NH Chiropractic Association, 1964, in recognition and appreciation for services rendered to the NHCA Inc.; NH Chiropractic Association, 1979, for constant dedication to patients and the profession for the past 51 years, serving as an inspiration to chiropractors.

Each year she awarded a scholarship to an Inter-Lakes High School senior.

Dr. Horne was an inspiration to us all!

TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS



Mr. Robert P. Valliere
1922 – 2001

Mr. Robert Valliere graduated from Meredith High School in 1942. He was a World War II United States Army Air Corps veteran. Bob started working for Pynn's Garage then went on to own and operate Bob's Texaco Station in Meredith for many years. Bob's character appeared in Bob Montana's Archie Comics. Bob also had a career with the United States Postal Service. He served as a postal worker for over twenty years.

He was a communicant of St. Charles Roman Catholic Church in Meredith. He was an active charter member and past president of the Meredith Lions Club and also held many State Lions Offices. He received the distinguished Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Bob was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award in 2000, which was given by the Meredith Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Meredith honored him by naming one of Meredith's ball fields after him.

Bob also served on the Meredith Planning Board, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Prescott Park Committee. For over 30 years he was an advocate for a community center and he served on many committees since their inception.

Bob's youth and community spirit will always be remembered.

IN SPECIAL MEMORIAM



Mr. Charles P. Rouvalis

Charles P. Rouvalis moved to Meredith with his wife Aglaia in 1954; they purchased a convenience store on Winnepesaukee Street and then turned it into a Delicatessen know as the Bay Shore Deli, which they owned and operated for over 30 years. Mr. Rouvalis then worked for Annalee Dolls until his retirement in 1996.

Charlie was a founding member of the Meredith Lions Club in the 50's and then rejoined the organization in the 90's as a member of the Board of Directors and volunteer, and later became an honorary director.

Charlie served on the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment in the 70's. He was a member of the Meredith Public Health Association, a member of the Griggs-Wyatt American Legion Post #33 in Meredith and an avid supporter of youth sports.

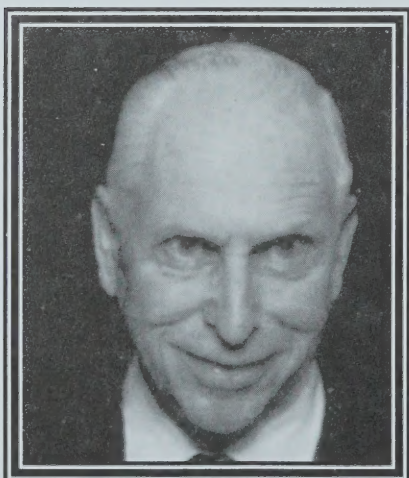


Mrs. Orilla M. Richards

Orilla M. Richards was a resident of Meredith most of her life. She graduated from Meredith High School in 1932 and received her Golden Certificate from the Alumni in June of 1982. In 1935, she graduated from Laconia Hospital School of Nursing.

Orilla worked for many years as a registered nurse for Dr. Raymond Turley and Dr. Cataldo. She faithfully served as Public Health Nurse for the Town of Meredith for eight and a half years. Orilla was known as the "Meredith Nurse" by most everyone at that time.

Orilla was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.



Mr. Cecil F. Smith

Cecil F. Smith was a 1943 graduate from Meredith High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then was employed by New Hampshire Electric Cooperative for 33 years.

Cecil was also a member of the volunteer Fire Department in Meredith. He served as a firefighter, line officer, dispatcher and treasurer. He was with the Fire Department for 48 years.

Cecil was a member of Mount Chocorua Lodge 64 F&AM, Holderness, Ellacoya Chapter 43, Order of Eastern Star; Lakeside Rebekah Lodge; American Legion Post 33, Lions Club and the Odd Fellows, serving as past Noble Grand and treasurer.

Cecil was active with the Boy Scouts of America and Youth Little League. He also enjoyed fishing and his grandchildren most of all.

IN APPRECIATION FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

John "Jack" Dever, Jr. retired after seventeen years of service as Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Health Officer, Zoning Administrator and Special Police Officer. Prior to Jack's service as an employee to the Town, Jack served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Fire Department.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Jack retired in 1974 from the United States Navy as a Chief Petty Officer after twenty years of service. Jack is a member of the Griggs-Wyatt American Legion Post #33 and Navy Seabee Veterans of America.

Jack is a long-time resident of Meredith. He and his wife Dawn have four children and six grandchildren. Jack's retirement plans include traveling, woodworking and remaining active in community affairs.



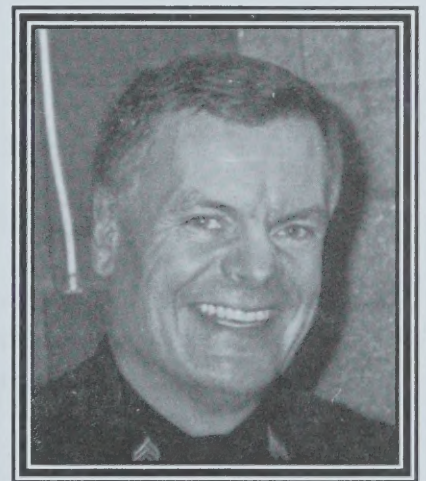
John "Jack" Dever, Jr.

John Michael Egan was a member of the Beverly (MA) High School Class of 1972. He went on to obtain his B. A. in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University. After graduating from Northeastern in 1977, John became a resident and a full-time member of the Meredith Police Department under the leadership of then Chief Herbert Horne.

John was the first Motor Officer for the Town of Meredith in 1978, then on to Juvenile Officer in 1983 and was Truant Officer until 1998. John was one of the first officers to receive specialized training in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program for the State of New Hampshire. In September of 1996, John was promoted to Sergeant and became the Police Department's Prosecutor.

In October, Sergeant John Egan retired from the Meredith Police Department after twenty three years of service and took a position with the Belknap County Sheriff's Department as Community Service Coordinator. This position allows John to continue to be a positive influence and contribute to the betterment of children.

John and his wife Dawn have been life long residents of Meredith. He and his wife have two children. John's smiling face can be seen walking with his wife Dawn on Main Street on a daily basis.



Sergeant John M. Egan

On behalf of the Residents and Property Owners of the Town of Meredith...

Thank you – for your dedicated service to this community.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen H. Nedeau, Chairman, 2002

Robert C. Flanders, 2003

James F. Hughes, 2004

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator, 2002
Town Clerk, 2002
Treasurer, 2002

Ralph Losee
Pauline L. Jones
Valerie McDonald

TOWN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Town Manager & Tax Collector
Finance Director & General Assistance Director
Town Planner
Code Enforcement & Health Officer
Code Enforcement & Health Officer
Public Works Director
Assistant Public Works Director
Water & Sewer Superintendent
Assessor
Parks & Recreation Director
Librarian
Deputy Tax Collector
Deputy Town Clerk

Peter G. Russell
Brenda L. Vittner
John C. Edgar, AICP
John W. Dever, Jr. (retired)
William M. Edney
Michael Faller
Bruce MacBrien
Robert Hill
Lena Watson Bolton
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Lydia Torr
Valerie "Vikki" Fogg
Sheila M. Vachon

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Stephen H. Nedeau, 2002, Meredith
David M. Lawton, 2002, Meredith
Carl Johnson Sr., Senator

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John P. Curran, Chief

John Egan, Sergeant (retired)
Kevin Morrow, Lieutenant
Glenn Rollins, Sergeant
James Cerami, Patrolman
Robert Chance III, Patrolman
Bart Merrill, School Resource Officer

Keith True, Sergeant
Deborah Lewis, Patrolman
Michael Harper, Patrolman
John Eichhorn, Patrolman
Thomas Dawson, Patrolman

Christine Fecteau, Administrative Assistant

Dispatchers: Robert Nichols, Jane MacFadzen, Tonia Sorell

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Charles G. Palm, Chief
Andre Kloetz, 1st Assistant Chief
Roger Hawkins, 2nd Assistant Chief
Tom Joslin, 3rd Assistant Chief

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Charles G. Palm

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven R. Bennett

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Positions vacant, contact Director, Vint Choiniere at 279-4538, if you are interested.

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Janice A. Phillips, 2004

Jonathan D. James, 2003

Judith G. James, 2002

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Deborah K. McNeish, Chairman, 2002

Lucienne M. Boulanger, 2004

Brenda L. Thibeault, 2006

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Paul Eldridge, Chairman, 2003

Laurie A. Brothers, 2002

Margaret T. Lee, 2002

Delphine Clough, 2004

G. Wendell Witcher, 2002

Duncan McNeish, 2003

Kathleen S. Peverly, 2003

PLANNING BOARD

Herb Vadney, Chairman, 2004

Joseph Nardone, 2002

William Finer, 2002

Roger Sorell, 2003

William Bayard, 2003

Pam Bliss, 2002

Robert Flanders, Selectmen's Representative

Alternates: James Hughes, Selectman & Frank Michel, 2004

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Mack, Chairman, 2002

Fred Hawkins, 2004

Kenneth Haley, 2003

Christopher Witcher, 2003

Alternates:

Stephen H. Nedeau, Selectman

Janice Joslin, 2003

Diane Hommel, 2004

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Philip Mercer, Chairman, 2002

John Sherman, Vice Chairman, 2003

Jacquie Colburn, 2003

Robert LeCount, 2004

Peter Miller, 2002

Pauli Novicki, 2004

Alternates:

William Nunamacher, 2003

John Robinson, 2003

Jeannie Cooperman, 2004

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

William Bayard, 2005

Herb Vadney, 2005

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Report from the Meredith Board of Selectmen

Stephen H. Nedeau, Chairman

Robert C. Flanders

James F. Hughes

Janet Rollins, Secretary

To Our Citizens of Meredith:

As we report at the close of 2001, we are pleased to provide a few reminders of another busy year and pose issues or goals for the future.

We continue to strive to make improvements within our community, plan for our future and maintain or improve our level of municipal services, while maintaining our municipal portion of the tax rate as close to its current frugal level as possible.

The “no wake” zone in a portion of Meredith Bay approved by the NH Department of Safety was installed in late summer; the results were dramatic in regards to speed and safety for smaller or not motorized craft.

We became a “donor” in the statewide property tax in 2001. Meredith’s share is projected to increase by approximately 8 cents per \$1,000 valuation for 2002. The statewide property tax and educational funding in New Hampshire appears to still be unresolved; no solution is apparent to report at this time.

The Town’s Capital Improvement Program Committee and the Meredith Planning Board have provided recommendations for present and future funding for capital items. Many of these recommendations are expendable trust funds proposed in the Town Meeting Warrant, setting funds aside for future planned projects, rather than having tax rate spikes if a project or bond issue is approved in any given year. This is the 3rd year of the CIP utilization and is a very helpful financial planning tool.

We are pleased with the continued success of our Meredith Main Street Program.

We are proposing two new warrant articles we desire to draw your attention to: Firstly, a proposal to purchase the F & L Development, LLC property between Plymouth Street and Route 3 North to allow for future parking development.

The other new article is enabling approval to allow future Tax Increment Finance Districts to be proposed and considered by future Town Meetings in Meredith.

We have discussed only a few of our Town issues. Please review the Town Manager’s and other departmental reports within this Annual Report to learn of additional activities.

We wish to thank you citizens for your interest and volunteerism and our Town employees for their dedication, which together allows Meredith’s projects and tasks to be so successful. Meredith is Meredith because of you, THANK YOU!

Board of Selectmen Report continued...

In closing, we have tried to address all issues brought before us. Some issues can be addressed more quickly or more satisfactorily than others, however. We wish to thank you citizens for your support, confidence and patience, making it a rewarding pleasure to serve you.

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Town Manager's Report

Peter G. Russell, Town Manager
Janet Rollins, Secretary

To the citizens and taxpayers of Meredith:

As we close yet again another busy year in Meredith, I wish to thank all of you for your input and support, especially our dedicated employees and community volunteers.

We do need to develop additional social capital and promote more hands on involvement in our community, however. We need your help and insight to address or accomplish the many issues facing our community. Please get involved.

We began our major computer hardware and software conversion and pc departmental networking in 2001. This will be an ongoing upgrade to improve technological utilization within our community. Town Office systems has relied upon custom software from the 80's which served us well for many years, and still works, but is outdated. Part of our new system will allow us to utilize limited GIS capabilities.

We were successful to apply for and receive numerous federal and state grants in 2001. A Federal Emergency Management grant from the 1998 ice storm era provided backup generation and emergency generator wiring for our major facilities; a Department of Justice grant replaced our computers at the Police Department and another Emergency Management grant will provide a compressor for our Fire Department to refill high pressure air tanks for breathing equipment both at our Route 3 station and a mobile cascade refilling system which can be used at emergency scenes, to be installed in 2002. State and county grants were utilized toward police cruiser mobile and portable radio upgrade replacements. A portion of replacement equipment will need to be addressed in the near future.

Construction of additional recreational facilities behind Prescott Park began this summer. The project construction should finish in 2002 providing six new tennis courts, high school sized baseball and soccer fields. Field grasses are to be planted in the Spring/Summer of 2002. The fields should be playable for the 2003 seasons.

Major projects are planned for 2002. Our landfill closure will be bid early in 2002 with a completion date of November 30, 2002. This project funding should all be in place with no property tax rate impact expected due to our expendable trust fund and limited state grant utilization.

The Plymouth Street/Route 3 North project construction is planned to begin in 2001. The project will include upgrading sewer pipes on Plymouth Street and extending municipal sewer from Circle Drive to the Center Harbor town line, replacing our 8-inch water main with a 12-inch to improve water quantity availability for use and fire protection, updating our primary sewer pump station and rebuilding Plymouth Street and its sidewalk. This long awaited and much needed project is finally going to happen. We have secured nearly 50% grants for the project thus far.

Town Manager's Report continued...

Our old tennis courts were converted to a skate park this last fall under the direction of Recreation Director Vint Choinere and our Public Works personal. The utilization of the facility has been phenomenal, but additional volunteer monitors are always needed.

I have spoken or worked with many of you citizens or taxpayers, but certainly not everyone. If you have questions, opinions or concerns, please either see me or contact me at the Town Office, 279-4538.

In closing, although Meredith is a very diverse community, I truly enjoy working for and with you all. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Peter G. Russell
Town Manager

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Record of 2001 Meredith Town Minutes

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at St. Charles Auditorium, 281 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 13, 2001, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on the following articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years James F. Hughes	353
One (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years Delphine Clough	20
One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years Janice Phillips	380
One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for two (2) years Jonathan James	7

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with Architectural Design Review?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposed ordinance would establish a permitting process to ensure that new commercial, industrial and multi-family building architecture complements Meredith's landscape character and architectural heritage. Flexible design criteria are incorporated in the ordinance to provide guidance to applicants and the Planning Board. The proposal does not seek to establish a Historic District.

YES 315

NO 88

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with non-conforming structures?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposal would apply to structures that do not conform to setback provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Such structures could be removed and replaced with a new structure of the same footprint in the same location, or in a less non-conforming location. This would be accomplished through the issuance of a building permit only. The current ordinance requires that the Zoning Board of Adjustment grant a variance for this activity. The requirement for a variance would be eliminated.

YES 302 NO 100

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with the definition of "Class 2 Utilities"?

Purpose of the Amendment: The current ordinance includes three utility classifications that establish land area requirements per single-family unit. Class 2 Utilities refers to circumstances where Town Water or Town Sewer is available. The proposal would delete Town Water from the Class 2 definition thereby increasing the land area required per single-family unit in circumstances where only Town Water is available.

YES 287 NO 102

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with "Temporary/Portable Shelters"?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposal would establish that "Temporary/Portable Shelters" would be subject to setback and height requirements as per the Zoning Ordinance. The temporary use would be limited to 180 days and a permit would be required.

YES 300 NO 100

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with "Firewood Processing"?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposal would add "Firewood Processing" as a permitted use in the Business and Industry District.

YES 300 NO 97

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ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with density requirements for apartments?

Purpose of the Amendment: Article 3, Section N of the current ordinance contains density provisions, parking requirements and lot coverage requirements for rental apartments. The language and methodology of this section is confusing and redundant. The proposal would delete this section. Density and lot coverage provisions are addressed elsewhere in the ordinance. Parking is addressed under the Planning Board's Site Plan Review Regulations.

YES 349

NO 48

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with "Assisted Living Care"?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposal would establish "Assisted Living Care" as a use allowed by Special Exception in the Forestry Rural District.

YES 328

NO 71

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 8 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by Petition, to amend Article V, Section D-3 Residential District to allow by Special Exception, after review and approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Stables and Riding Academies?

Purpose of the Amendment: The current ordinance does not allow Stables and Riding Academies in a residential district. The proposed amendment would allow by Special Exception, and only after public hearings by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Stables and Riding Academies. (The Planning Board approves of the petitioned amendment.)

YES 319

NO 87

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purpose of future closure of the Municipal Landfill located on Jenness Hill Road; said appropriation to be inclusive of State or Federal grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes, and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a

Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any or all State or Federal grants-in-aid, or other contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

Motion by Chairman Hughes and Seconded by Phil Mercer that the Town adopt Article 10 as proposed. Selectmen Hughes spoke to the Article stating that the Town will need to close the Landfill by November 2002. This article will give the needed authority to apply for State Aid Grants for Landfill Closures; the amount of the Grant is 20% of the Project total. This article will not have a tax impact but we do have to borrow the money so as to get the 20% factor.

Discussion: Christopher Whitcher asked what the total cost of the project would be? Mr. Hughes replied, \$800,000. plus one million. Elizabeth Obelenus asked how it is to be closed? Mr. Russell responded, the state has done a test and this area is a prime site for a soil cap. Chris Whitcher asked the area to be capped and Mr. Russell responded, a six-acre piece. We're also looking for storage use purposes once the landfill is closed. No further discussion. Moderator Losee then opened the polls for one hour (7:15), instruction to check either yes or no.

YES 129

NO 7

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the purpose of providing a neighborhood betterment assessment loan for Municipal sewer extension on Neal Shore Road, said appropriations to be inclusive of contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith. (Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Selectman Nedeau and seconded by Selectman Flanders, that the Town adopt Article 11 as proposed.

Discussion: Selectman Nedeau then stated that the residents of Neal Shore Road have requested that the municipal sewer line be extended up their road from the railroad tracks near Lake Winnepesaukee and they also understand that this is a betterment assessment and each property unit will be assessed equally for the improvements. This will affect 24 residents; Chuck Braxton asked if the residents are required to connect to the sewer? Peter Russell responded our Town Ordinance states that if they are within 200 feet, they will have to hook up, over 200 feet they don't, however, if their septic systems fail they will have to

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hook up. No further discussion. Moderator Losee again instructed that the polls will be open for one hour on this article (7:20).

YES 129

NO 7

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Open Space/Conservation Fund for the purpose of purchasing or maintaining open space, land or easements and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operation budget. **Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Hughes that the Town adopt Article 12 as proposed.

Selectman Flanders spoke to the Article. "The purpose of this Article is to allow the Conservation Commission and the Town of Meredith to maintain open space through the purchase or donation of land or easements within the Town. Currently, the Town of Meredith sets aside the first \$10,000 from Current Use Penalty Assessments for conservation of open space. With the present increases affecting real estate, the Town of Meredith needs to increase the monetary efforts for future preservation of open spaces. No further discussion.

HAND VOTE-ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Boardwalk Improvements Fund for the purpose of renovating or replacing the boardwalk at the Town Docks and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operation budget. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion by Selectman Hughes and seconded by Selectman Nedeau that the Town adopt Article 13 as proposed.

Mr. Hughes then stated that in the original Article posting that this Article was recommended by the CIP, however this Article is being recommended by the Board of Selectmen only. The CIP Committee did not have the opportunity to review this item as it was proposed after the close of CIP Committee meetings. Notification of the project was forwarded to the CIP Committee. The Town of Meredith investigated the boardwalk reconstruction at the Town Docks and believed that the work could be accomplished for under \$60,000. That is the threshold of any project going before the Capital Improvements Program and that is if it's going to cost \$60,000 or more. Permit requirements as well as limited contractor availability have indicated otherwise. Marine contractors are in heavy demand right now, availability to perform the necessary work and high prices are present. The Town of Meredith is planning for better pricing in the future and the desire to set aside the necessary funds for the work. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be added to the Community Center Fund previously established and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Selectman Nedeau and seconded by Selectman Flanders to move the Article.

Selectman Nedeau spoke to the Article stating that this is the second year we have proposed money for this particular item. Last year we appropriated Fifty Thousand Dollars, this year we're asking for One Hundred Thousand Dollars, next year we'll be asking for an amount so that in the future we can see this thing happening. To set aside funds for a Community Center for the residents. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Fund previously established and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Hughes that the Town adopt Article 15 as proposed.

Selectman Flanders then spoke to the Article: This is the fourth year the Town of Meredith has appropriated funds to this expendable trust fund. Increasing the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Fund has been endorsed by the CIP Committee and has a scheduled deposit for the Budget Year 2001. The purpose of this Article is to continue to set aside funds to purchase replacement trailers, or add additional trailers as needed. The estimated life of a trailer is 5 to 10 years. The Town continually reviews anticipated changes in load weight limits and potential increases of community solid waste that may require replacement or an additional trailer. The goal is to have a trailer replacement schedule to allow for purchase of a trailer when needed and before the estimated life has expired.

Discussion: Karen Sticht has a question about the amount being raised. If the cost is \$85,000, why are we raising \$87,000 and will we constantly be putting in the \$40,000 every year? Mr. Russell responded that this was only an estimate and we will continue to look at this situation for either trading waste trailers or adding new ones. As it stands right now, our commercial solid waste comes directly out of the community and does not come out of our facility. In the event that it changes, we would have to add additional solid waste trailers to transport trash out of the community. The estimate for when the project will be complete will probably be changed each year, depending on if we trade a trailer or purchase a new one. That was the original estimate when the CIP Committee met in 1999 and 2000. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to be added to the Downtown Parking Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen**

Motion by Selectman Hughes and seconded by Selectman Nedeau that the Town adopt Article 16 as proposed.

Jim Hughes spoke to the Article: This is the third year the Town of Meredith has appropriated funds to this expendable trust fund. Increasing the Down Town Parking Fund has been endorsed by the Capital Improvements Program and has a scheduled deposit for this year. The purpose of this article is to continue to set aside funds to purchase or renovate areas for downtown parking. The amount to be added to the expendable trust fund for the budget Year 2001 allows the Town to have a reasonable sum available should the Calvary Bible Church property or properties become available during 2001. The purpose of having an expendable trust fund with the Selectmen as agents to expend allows for smooth negotiations in a timely manner, if and when property becomes available.

Discussion: Brian Allen asked how much we save by picking up snow from Main Street after every third storm. Peter Russell responded, that depending on the amount of snow we're picking up, it's any where from \$800 to \$1,500 dollars per storm, depending on if we rent equipment or use our own. Brian Allen continued to state that he thinks snow should be picked up after every storm. Rather than asking for more money for more parking, we should take care of the cleaning up parking on Main Street. Mr. Hughes responded that the Highway Department had 30 hours of overtime in one week and added to the regular 40 hours, that's 70 hours and these fellows need to rest and if a storm comes before there is an opportunity to clean Main Street, then they're out plowing for that next storm. Gerald Brooks said he thought the Town was doing a good job of keeping the street clean, after all it is New England. Mr. Hughes then deferred to Public Works Director Mike Faller to explain the third storm removal policy. We try to pick up after every third storm or if there is 12 inches, or as soon as possible when the weather gives us a break. Robin Davis asked about a private contractor for snow removal and then went on to ask why we continue to put money into this account? If Calvary Bible Church knows how much there is in the fund, then we'll have to pay that. Selectman Flanders responded that we can't spend more than the fair market value of anything, especially when it's the Town's money. We don't know when or if any other property will become available. If we have the money we can act on it but if we don't we can't. Selectman Hughes further stated that when this first started, Harry Wood, trustee of the church, put a value on the church, what they thought it was worth, Mr. Russell put a number out that the Town was carrying on it's books as untaxed property. When the time comes that they say they are ready to sell, then we will have a complete appraisal of the property made and then can determine it's fair market value and if you remember, the numbers were somewhere between 360 and 400 thousand at that time. Christopher Whitcher asked what has happened over the past year with this particular piece of property and the status when the purchase of it may occur. Selectman Hughes replied that he has been told that they now own the land where they are going to build a new church. A new Pastor will be coming in, they will be going out on a building fund campaign, in the meantime they are looking at some designs that would meet their needs and what that would cost them. That's the status to the best of my knowledge at this time. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of State Aid Reconstruction Program – 2 to 1 match for improvements to various roads under the State Aid Reconstruction Program, provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Selectman Nedeau and seconded by Selectman Flanders, that the Town adopt Article 17 as proposed.

Selectman Nedeau spoke to the Article: The Town of Meredith has participated with this State Program for many years taking advantage of the States 2 for 1 matching mechanism. The roads covered by this program are Class I, II, and III State roads located in the town of Meredith, Meredith Neck Road, Barnard Ridge Road, Pease Road and Winona Road. At the present we have a balance of approximately Five Hundred and Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$531,000.00) and at some point we hope to spend it.

Discussion: Karen Sticht asked why is this money sitting in an account, why don't we just fix the roads? Selectman Hughes responded, "The reason that money cannot be spent at will is that it's a matching fund with the state of New Hampshire, 2 for 1, and the roads that are included in this are Pease Road, Barnard Ridge Road and Meredith Neck Road. It does not affect Town roads at all. Parade Road is strictly a State road and part of that will be fixed from about beyond Tracy Way up to Route 3 this next season, The other section of Parade Road from Tracy Way to the Laconia town line is in the ten year New Hampshire Department of Highways plan in the year 2007 or 2008.

George Jewell spoke of a summation of all the Articles; referring to page 88 of the Town Report under Expendable Trust Funds, you've got Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$770,000.00). So we're actually voting on this particular Article for Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), it's really made up of two pieces, right? Third a Twenty plus a Forty and is the Forty Thousand Dollars listed under intergovernmental revenues, is that part of that highway block grant? Selectman Hughes responded, no it is not. Mr. Jewell asked if the Forty Thousand of receipts was listed anywhere? Selectman Hughes said the money is on deposit with the State of New Hampshire and they match it to use when they build the roads. Mr. Jewell then asked if we are approving the Twenty Thousand Dollars or the Forty Thousand Dollars here tonight. Mr. Russell responded, the Twenty Thousand Dollars and if we approve it the state will match it with Forty Thousand Dollars, and neither of these amounts, local amounts or the state amounts, is considered part of the Expendable Trust Fund number that your talking about. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Hughes that the Town adopt Article 18 as proposed.

Selectman Flanders spoke to the Article: The purpose of this article is to continue to set aside funds for the unfunded liability for accumulated vacation and sick leave benefits for the Town of Meredith's full-time employees. This is the sixth (6th) year the Town has appropriated funds to this expendable trust fund. The unfunded liability reported on December 31, 2000 is \$238,506. Principal and interest available in the Expendable Trust reported on December 31, 2000 is \$64,670. The remaining unfunded liability is approximately \$173,836. The scheduled deposit for the Budget Year of 2001 is \$25,000, which will reduce the unfunded liability to approximately \$148,836. No Discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Municipal Technology Improvement Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Selectman Hughes and seconded by Selectman Nedeau that the Town adopt Article 19 as proposed.

Selectman Hughes spoke to the Article: This is the second (2nd) year the Town has appropriated funds to this expendable trust, The Technology Improvement Fund and has been endorsed by the Capital Improvements Plan Committee. The purpose of this article is to set aside funds to replace out-dated and non-supported municipal software and hardware. During the Budget Year of 2001 the Town proposes to install new software and hardware as proposed.

Discussion: John Hodsdon has understood that the cable company is putting in high speed Internet and to what extent will the town participate in it? Mr. Russell stated that it is his understanding that Internet is available to private properties right now and they have not included too many commercial properties. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen**

Motion by Selectman Nedeau and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town adopt Article 20 as proposed.

Selectman Nedeau spoke to the Article: The purpose of this article is to continue to set aside funds to purchase/build or renovate land and/or buildings suitable for the municipal offices for the Town of Meredith. The current building is inadequate for Municipal operations.

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This is the sixth (6th) year the Town has appropriated funds to this expendable trust fund. The purpose of having an expendable trust with the Selectmen as agents to expend allows for smooth negotiations in a timely manner, if and when property becomes available for the purpose of this fund. Currently we have a balance of approximately Two Hundred and Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend. Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget. **Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen**

Motion by Selectman Flanders and seconded by Selectman Hughes that the Town adopt Article 21 as proposed.

Selectman Flanders spoke to the article: This is the fourth (4th) year the Town of Meredith has appropriated funds to this expendable trust fund. Increasing the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund has been endorsed by the CIP Committee and has a scheduled deposit for the Budget Year 2001. The purpose of this article is to continue to set-aside funds to replace fire/rescue equipment. Last year, Town Meeting approved a bond issue of \$325,000 as an authority to order and purchase a new fire truck. \$130,000 of this article is final payment for the fire truck that arrived in Meredith in November 2000. The balance of funds will be added to the expendable trust for the next scheduled vehicle purchase. These expendable trust funds do save the Town a considerable amount of money. By having these funds set aside for this truck we purchased, the Town saved Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen Dollars and Four Cents.

Karen Sticht asked, "Does the CIP ever not endorse a product for the expendable trust fund and secondly the money that is being collected and sitting in those accounts, are they getting the best interest rates so those accounts can grow?" Selectman Flanders responded that CIP received some 30 applications and approved about 15, so yes, they do reject some applications. Peter Brothers, Chairman of the CIP Committee spoke of the responsibilities of CIP. There are project identification forms, the purposes, the advantages, the cost savings, the financial side of it and the timing of where it fits in and where it's of mutual benefit to the School District and the Town. It does go through a rather rigorous process and I would welcome any and all to participate in that process. We are not a budgetary committee, we're just another set of eyes to take a look at projects that are clearly identified and go through a process of evaluation and then are reported back with recommendations by our committee. Gerald Brooks asked how much the fire truck cost and Selectman Hughes responded \$350,000. No further discussion.

ARTICLE PASSED

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ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Six Dollars (\$8,550,126) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. **Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget and is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the CIP Committee.**

Selectman Nedeau spoke: "Mr. Moderator, I would like to make a motion to amend Article 22 by Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) as an additional appropriation for the Prescott Park Project. The Town operating budget would be amended to Eight Million Eight Hundred Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Six Dollars (\$8,800,126.00). There would be no additional tax impact proposed by this amendment."

Motion by Selectman Nedeau and seconded by Selectman Flanders that the Town adopt the Amendment to Article 22 as proposed.

Selectman Nedeau spoke to the article: The projected Fund Balance presented during the Public Hearing on the FYI 2001 budget was estimated at approximately \$940,000. Upon finalizing year-end figures, although unaudited, it appears that actual revenue dollars versus projected revenue dollars and savings in unexpended expenditures will result in a higher unused year-end Fund Balance of approximately \$1,250,000. The increase is approximately \$310,000. Current contractor pricing economy has also affected the price and bidding of the project. The range at the bid opening was from the low \$495,000 to a high \$726,000. This does not include tennis court construction, irrigation, water source or lighting expense that would be approximately another \$200,000.

Moderator Losee then gave the results of Article 10: YES 129, NO 7. Article Passed.

Chris Whitcher asked what is the cost-of-living for Town employees. Selectman Hughes responded, 3.5%. Chris Whitcher asked what amount of money has been set aside for the Main Street Program. Selectman Hughes responded \$15,000. Chris Whitcher went on to further state that in 1997, Article 26, we passed a special Warrant Article asking for \$15,000 Dollars for the Main Street Program and that was supposed to be a non-lapsing account for three years. I believe those three years are up. I would have liked to have seen this particular request come before the voters as a separate Warrant Article rather than absorbed into the operating budget. Peter Russell clarified that the 1997 approval was for a three-year commitment for the Main Street Program and actually this is the last year of the \$15,000 that we talked about in 1997. Next year if the Board of Selectmen or other people would like it to be a Warrant Article, we could certainly look at that, but right now we're fulfilling the end of our three-year commitment on the Main Street Program and that's funding for three years. Chris Whitcher continued: I'm looking for clarification on the Fund Balance in the 1999 Town Report. We have an unaudited amount of Two Million One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand plus Dollars, That was as of December 31, 1999. In the 2000 report we have an audited amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars plus, that was as of the first of January. That's an additional Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand, or close to it. How much money do we have in the fund balance? Selectman Hughes stated, One Million, Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (1,453,485.00). Chris Whitcher asked if they are planning to take Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars out of it. Selectman Hughes replied, correct. There was further discussion along those same lines. Chris Whitcher then asked when the new Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector replacement will be coming on board? Selectman Hughes replied, we don't know until we've interviewed the people and see where they fit in on the salary

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schedule. They will definitely be coming on board late spring or early summer. Chris Whitcher stated that he thinks the budget is padded and will be voting no on this budget and hopes other people will too.

Moderator Losee then gave the results for Article 11, YES 129, and NO 7.

Selectman Hughes then responded, at length, to Chris Whitcher's statement. Harold Noreen asked if someone could speak to the items, page 8 of the informational handout, Public Safety Fire, and increase of Five Thousand Dollars, the Debt Service Principal was reduced and the Debt Service Interest was increased. Peter Russell explained that the Fire amount was for salaries; hourly rate increases for our firefighters. The Principal and Interest amounts were reviewed and adjusted after we received updated information from the USDA World Development Agency in relation to the payments we have to make back to them.

Karen Sticht then expressed her feelings on the budget, Main Street, concerns, snow banks and parking and hoped that when it comes up for full review that the public will be invited. Peter Russell responded that these are all public meetings and the public is certainly invited to attend. Gerald Brooks asked what the interest rate on the Trust Fund account was. Selectman Hughes responded, 5 or 6%. Chris Whitcher then asked for a dollar amount for the bridge over the canal. Peter Russell responded that we spent \$43,800.00 on the bridge. We appropriated \$25,000 in last years budget and the Selectmen decided to go with the one we have there now. The Main Street Program will be holding a fundraiser to help pay off the additional amounts.

Judy Dever asked for an update on the Plymouth Street Project. Peter Russell responded that dealing with the State Government there is a timely delay. We are anticipating putting this project out to bid sometime this middle to late summer. We're looking to have it completed by next summer. Chris Whitcher again stated his concern on the over-expenditure on the bridge and would vote against this budget. Selectman Flanders stated that we have made good decisions and finances have been handled very well. Phil Mercer of Needle Eye Road called the question and Seconded by Peter Brothers. Moderator Losee then stated that we would be voting on the Amendment to Article 22 to read \$8,800,126.00.

HAND VOTE-MOTION PASSED TO THE AMENDMENT

Moderator Losee then stated we will vote for the budget Article 22, \$8,800,126.00 Dollars.

HAND VOTE-MOTION PASSED

Selectman Hughes spoke for the record stating that there was no over-expenditure on the bridge. The bridge was built with the funds that were appropriated. Ken Colburn of Winton Road commended the Selectmen and Moderator for a smoothly run meeting and the professionally prepared Town Report.

Having no further business to come before the assembly, Meredith Town Meeting 2001.
Adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Pauline L. Jones
Town Clerk

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Assessing

Lena Watson Bolton, Assessor
Menta Martel, Assessing Clerk

LOCAL CHANGES

The real estate appreciation that started in Meredith during 1998 has continued through 2001. The prices of all types of properties have shown increases. However, different types of properties have experienced different rates of appreciation. Since the state statute, RSA 75, requires all assessments be proportional within a municipality the assessments for the tax year 2002 will be updated to reflect the current appreciation.

This summer I will be analyzing all properties that have sold over the past two years. From this analysis I will be making adjustments to reflect property values for the tax year 2002. The last assessment update was done for the tax year 2000.

STATE CHANGES

The state legislature was quite busy this year passing laws in response to the *Sirrell v. State of New Hampshire* (statewide education property tax). The Court gave the State until 2003 to develop and "...implement appropriate measures to ensure that each municipality assesses property within its borders every five years, as required by the state constitution, Part II, Article 6."

The legislature passed Chapter 297 (SB 193), which establishes two new standards boards. The Assessing Standards Board and the Equalization Standards Board are responsible for developing assessing and equalization standards to be used by every community in the state. The legislature made changes to RSA 75. The changes require that annually each municipality "...shall adjust assessments to reflect changes so that all assessments are proportional within that municipality." And the legislature also established a new "five year certification program."

The Town of Meredith will be among the first group of municipalities to be reviewed for certification starting in 2003.

If you wish more information regarding the *Sirrell v. State of New Hampshire* go to website, <http://www.state.nh.us/courts/supreme/opinions/0105/sirre087.htm>. Any questions regarding the certification process may be directed to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, Property Appraisal Division, 45 Chenell Dr., Concord, NH 03301 or by telephone 603-271-2687.

On a lighter note, did you know besides the 5 lakes in Meredith, that there are 5 ponds?

LAKES -- Waukewan, Wicwas, Winnipisaukee, Winnisquam and Pemigewasset.

PONDS -- Forest, Little, Randlett, Pickerel and Spectacle.

Conservation Commission

Phil Mercer, Chairman

Your Conservation Commission has had a very busy year. Last winter we received a gift of 170 acres of land on Carleton Road, adjacent to the Carleton Town Forest, from George and Rose Ann Leighton and family. This summer we received a 17-acre gift of land from Cynthia Piscopo located on Lake Pemigewasset to be known as the John and Mildred Piscopo Wildlife Area and Loon Preserve.

This fall we entered into an agreement to be in a backup position for the 86-acre Peter Duffield "Lower Meadow" Conservation Easement on Meredith Neck Road and very recently we have been advised of a conservation easement being completed for 86 acre of the Storer property on Route 3.

The Hamlin Forest Trail Committee has completed and marked two trails thru the beaver pond areas and up to Crocketts Ledge. A third trail thru the older growth section of Hamlin is being planned for next year.

The four member Dredge and Fill Committee reviewed and/or site inspected some 50 applications, most of which involved dock replacements or repairs.

The Natural Resource Inventory Committee has made great progress and a report from them should be available toward the end of 2002.

The Conservation Committee meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, plus all the individual committees meet on a weekly basis for fieldwork.

Many thanks to all of the Commission Members for the hundreds of hours they give each year.

Finance

Brenda Vittner, Finance/General Assistance Director

Carrie Compton, Town Accountant

Linda LaBraney, Finance/General Assistance Clerk

Gail Brace, Finance/Municipal Office Clerk

The Finance Department has had a very busy year during 2001. We began conversion of the accounting software that has served the Town well since 1982. As with any conversion, taking it slowly and making good decisions will make for a seamless transition. Our goal is to be on the new software by December, 2002.

Meredith became a donor community for the State Wide Property Tax in 2001. Monitoring the changes in the Legislature is a challenge. The Town of Meredith will be a donor community as we head into 2002. Finance will continue to track and monitor our status as a donor to the State Wide Property Tax Educational Funding system.

I would like to say thank-you to the members of this department, for the hard work that makes this department run well. Finance is responsible for the compilation of the Town Report, many thanks to Linda LaBraney for her dedication in the production of the Town Report. Finance interacts with all other Municipal Departments and Carrie Compton is very diligent in responding to departmental needs. Our "jack of all trades", Gail Brace is an asset to Town Hall. She is always available to help and answer questions.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Fire Department

Charles G. Palm, Fire Chief

As I began the process of gathering my thoughts and information for this report, it quickly became evident that this past year was one of dynamic activity. Not being an English major, I am not sure that these two words can be used together; however, we probably agree that this is what we all experienced. Shortly after the start of 2001, our Department experienced the loss of Cecil Smith, a 48-year department veteran, whose death was the result of a minor motor vehicle accident, which occurred while responding to an emergency call. As we continued into the year, Department members again faced the unpleasant. This time not one of our own, but rather a number of motorcycle accidents at which three deaths were witnessed. As the year progressed, our nation witnessed September 11, and the dynamic changes resulting there from having endured these events, we in the Meredith Fire Department look for ways that these types of events can be used in a positive manner to strengthen us all. Our Department family has grown, not only in numbers but also in closeness and maturity, finding ways to work as a team with common goals.

Presently, the Meredith Fire Department team consists of 42 members, who are on call 365 days a year. This past year, we averaged over 11 members per call, for which we were called out 282 times. Most of our members are by necessity, fully trained firefighters; however, we also have a few members who contribute to the success of the Department by offering a specialty, such as the owners of a local marina who maintain and operate the Department's fire boat and a local towing service operator who provides valuable knowledge when it comes to technical vehicle rescues. Another valuable part of the Department team is the Auxiliary, whose members not only provide refreshments to the Department members during those long duration calls, but also is very instrumental in helping the community in other valuable ways. A good example of this was the big fund raising effort that they undertook to provide the Department with funds to acquire thermal imaging equipment, which is used by the Department in a variety of ways, the most important of which is to assist us in locating a victim in a smoke filled environment. A third part of the team is the Explorer Post, consisting of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 18 who are members of either the Inter-Lakes or Moultonboro school systems. Although Post members, due to their age, are somewhat restricted as to their involvement at an emergency scene, they provide valuable assistance not only to our Department but also to some of the neighboring departments. Several of our regular Department members originally started their fire service involvement through the explorer program. Another valuable part of the Department team that often gets overlooked is the local employers and the school district. Since all of our members, whether they are associated with the Department, Auxiliary, or the Post, are not fulltime "Fire Fighters", they periodically need to leave their full-time occupations to serve the community in an emergency capacity. To those that allow this to happen, a special "THANK YOU". Should you or someone you know have an interest in becoming involved on one of the "teams", stop by the fire station and say hello.

Call volume for 2001 is the highest that it has ever been in the history of the Department. The trends, which we have been monitoring for the past several years, have continued as can be seen when reviewing the following table:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	13.8%	9.5%	8.4%	15.1%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	14.9	18.6	16.3	13.9
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	32.6	30.6	30.4	28.0
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	38.7	41.3	44.9	43.0
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total number of calls	282	264	276	259

Fire Department continued...

As indicated in the previous table, “Fire Related” calls increased substantially this past year as compared to the preceding two years. The vast majority of these calls were one of three types: Chimney, Motor Vehicle, or Outside (brush/debris type fires). In fact, these three types accounted for over 90% of the fire related calls. The most prevalent fire call was for a chimney fire, most of which were caused by lack of proper maintenance. In the case of motor vehicle fires, investigation determined that the majority of these were the result of some type of oil leakage (e.g. a broken transmission oil line, or someone leaving the filler cap off the engine when adding oil to the engine).

“Mutual Aid” calls are those where a surrounding community had an emergency situation and due to the need for either additional equipment and/or manpower, requested the assistance of our Department. As a participant in the Lakes Region Fire Mutual Aid, we periodically are called upon to help our neighboring towns, as they in turn are called upon to help us in our time of need.

“Rescue Calls” continue to be the one area that we have experienced almost consistent annual increases for the past eight years. Included in this category are motor vehicle accidents, which account for nearly two-thirds of these calls. As many of you may recall, about three years ago, the Department began the design of a new fire truck to meet our anticipated future needs. This truck was a pumper/rescue and was placed into service a little over a year ago. With this vehicle, our response to motor vehicle accidents has been enhanced tremendously as we no longer need to run both a rescue truck as well as a fire engine. Now only one response vehicle is necessary.

In the last category, “Public Assist”, the majority of the calls relate to some type of alarm activation, such as fire or carbon monoxide. Fortunately, most of the alarm activations ultimately result in neither property damage nor personal injury and were most often caused by accident, such as burned food or steam from a shower. However, on a number of occasions we have found the alarm activation was caused by lack of proper maintenance. This lack of proper maintenance not only results in false activations, it also results in alarm systems not activating. Those instances unfortunately are the ones you read about where personal injury or death has resulted. So if you have an alarm system – even just a couple of smoke detectors – test them, replace the batteries, do your best to make sure they will work when you need them.

In closing, the members of the Department team would like to thank all of the residents of the Town of Meredith for their support. Please have a safe and healthy 2002.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Forest Fire Warden

Charles G. Palm, Warden

During this past year, we experienced one of the driest summers in recent years. In fact, during the latter part of the summer and early fall, we were prohibiting outdoor burning except in those limited situations as permitted by the State of New Hampshire Forestry Service. To help our residents determine whether outdoor burning is permitted, two Smokey Bear signs were installed several years ago. Generally, when Smokey is displaying a sign “Very High” or “Extreme”, it can be safely concluded that outdoor burning is being restricted. Next spring, when the snow begins to leave us in Meredith, keep an eye on Smokey and as soon as he displays signs indicating the estimated fire danger level, it is then necessary to obtain a permit to do **ANY** form of outdoor burning.

Perhaps the most frequently heard question that we in the forest fire area get asked is, **“Do I need a permit to burn?”** State law requires that anyone who kindles a fire out of doors needs to hold a valid permit, unless there is adequate snow cover. In Meredith it is relatively easy to obtain a permit – you need to be the landowner (or have written permission of the landowner) and you must be at least 18 years of age. A permit can be obtained, at no cost, through the Downtown Fire Station or at the Town Office, Y-Landing Marina, or the Meredith Center Store during their normal business hours. Also be prepared to show a photo ID, such as a driver’s license. Permits are good for up to three days, starting with the day of issue. Seasonal permits for certain types of fires are also available. Violators of the permit requirement are subject to fines by the State in the amount of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. It should be kept in mind, even with a valid permit, under State law, any damage caused as a result of a kindled fire becomes the obligation of the party responsible for kindling the fire, including the cost of suppression.

Hopefully, the drought that we closed the season with this year does not continue into next year and we look forward to a safe 2002. Remember Smokey the Bear’s slogan – **“Only you can prevent forest fires”**.

General Assistance

Brenda L. Vittner, General Assistance Director

Linda J. LaBraney, General Assistance Clerk

In 2001 the Town assisted forty-two clients living in the Town of Meredith. Typically, assistance is granted for rent, heat, electric, food and other necessities of life. In New Hampshire, persons with little or no income may be entitled to financial help from their Town. New Hampshire law (RSA 165) requires each Town to have a local general assistance program to help people who are poor and in need of assistance. Individuals and families with low incomes may also be eligible for state assistance programs such as Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), aid to the elderly, blind or disabled, food stamps, as well as the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, fuel assistance, and/or WIC.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our office at 279-4538. If you are interested in information on: Debt Crisis, Tenant Rights, Eviction Process, Divorce/Separation, Security Deposits, Domestic Violence, Custody Rights and/or Child Support call 1-800-639-5290 or go online at www.larcnh.org. We are here to help.

We would like to thank the Community Action Program, local Churches, local Businesses, Service Organizations and residents who have joined with the Town in assisting people in need.

Meredith Public Library

Lydia M. Torr, Library Director

Marilyn E. Rushton, Assistant Director

In June, the Meredith Public Library celebrated its 100th anniversary. Many adult and children's events were held to commemorate this exciting milestone. How far we've come in 100 years, thanks to the vision of the taxpayers of Meredith who have supported the positive growth, enabling us to offer the best that is available on all levels of service.

Our children's librarian, Stephanie Finnegan, left in August to become a media specialist and Linda Morgan was hired to replace her. A hearty salute to Linda who brings a combined teacher/librarian experience of 33 years to our organization.

As an administrator, I feel so thankful and grateful for my dedicated and conscientious staff. It truly is a pleasure to work with all of them as a team to create the educational, service-oriented enterprise that we bring to the Meredith community. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and excellence in performance.

Annual Circulation

Audio Visual Materials	21,796
Books	64,009
Periodicals	2,440
Costumes	882
Interlibrary Loans	1,438
Reference Questions Answered	2,481
Registered Borrowers	5,589
Total Circulation	90,565

Acquisitions

Audio Visuals	456
Books	2,852
Gifts	560
Lost/Discarded	3,779
Total Inventory	33,430

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Planning & Zoning Department

John C. Edgar, AICP, Town Planner

John W. Dever, Jr., (retired) Code Enforcement Officer

William M. Edney, Code Enforcement Officer

Mary Lee Harvey, Clerk

Planning Board Application Summary – 2001

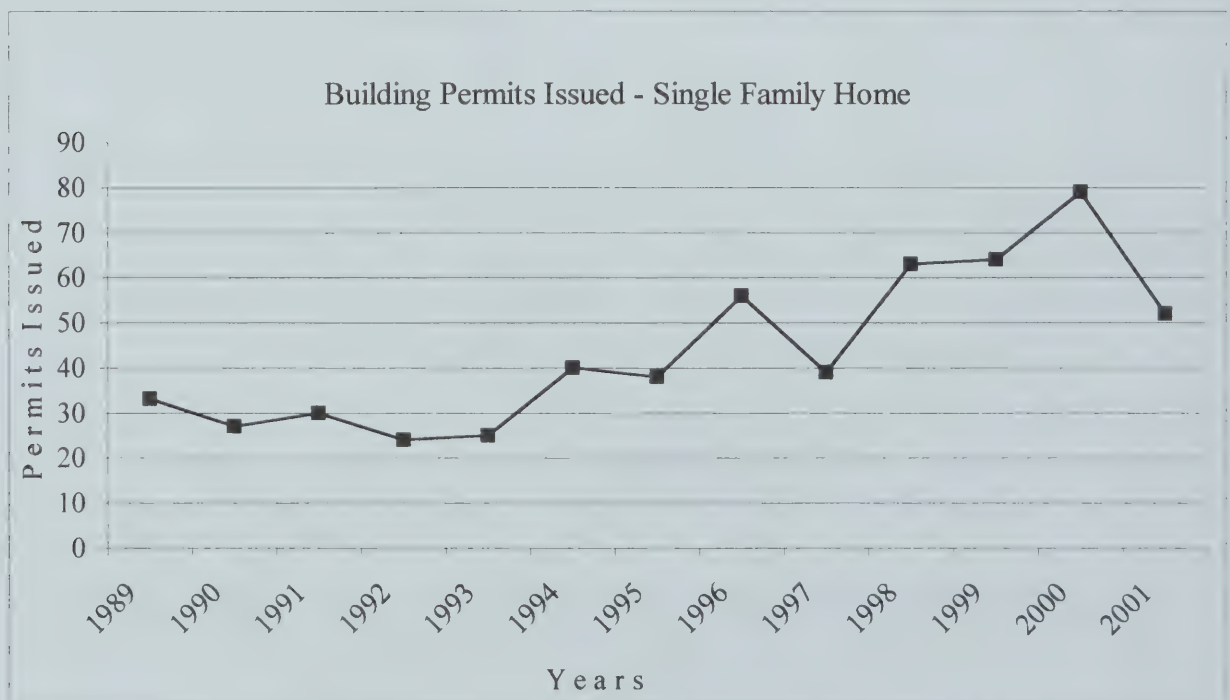
Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	13	Pre-Application Consultations	8
Home Occupation Site Plan Approvals	0	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	11	Architectural Design Reviews	6
Boundary Line Adjustment Approvals	5	Revocation and/or Disapproval	0

Zoning Board Summary – 2001

Variance Applications	23	Special Exceptions Granted	41
Variances Granted	16	Special Exceptions Denied	0
Variances Denied	5	Rehearing Requests Granted	1
Applications Withdrawn	2	Rehearing Requests Denied	1
Special Exception Applications	41	Administrative Decisions Denied	1
Waiver/Dimensional Requirements	1		

Building Permit Activity – 2001

New Single-Family Homes	52	Garages/Storage Buildings	73
Mobile Homes	4	Renovations & Repairs	135
Demolition	16	Driveways	39
Fences	14	Docks/Dock Repairs	24
Swimming Pools	2	Other Structures/Renovations	33



Police Department

John P. Curran, Police Chief

The year 2001 has been a year that will long be remembered by all. The events of September 11th will be forever etched into all of our minds. The tragic and horrific bombings of the World Trade Towers are reminders to us that we can never be fully prepared for every disaster. We can, however, be sufficiently trained to know how to react to these occurrences that can cause us death or injury.

The Meredith Police Department prides itself in its proactive training and the Department's commitment to make sure our community is a safe place to live, grow and retire. My personal thanks to my fellow department heads for their devotion to our community and their willingness to work with the Meredith Police Department in achieving our mission of that safe community.

Our best wishes go out to Sergeant John M. Egan in his position with the Belknap County Juvenile Justice Incentive Program.

Police Statistics

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Calls for service	27,162	30,428	28,948	29,380	29,754
Warnings / Checkups	1,593	2,334	2,653	3,386	3,037
Summonses	402	620	395	366	332
Arrests	301	327	279	416	483

Animal Control Report

The Meredith Police Department is currently revamping all of its Animal Control policies and the new, upgraded and State regulated controls and penalties will be officially in place as of January 2002. During the 2001 calendar year, the police department responded to 591 calls for service regarding animals. Remember to responsibly take care of those fine, furry and feathered friends.

Dogs Licensed: 1,180

Dog Complaints: 400

Reported Bites: 22

Cat Complaints: 63

Fish & Game Calls: 90

Farm/Domestic: 26

Intakes at New Hampshire Humane Society: 47

Public Works Departments

Mike Faller, Public Works Director

Bruce MacBrien, Jr., Assistant Public Works Director

Monica Bennett, Public Works Clerk

The Public Works Department had a busy year in all of our divisions. With the tragic events of September 11th, we hung additional flags throughout the town and on our town trucks. We reviewed our emergency plans and we were prepared in case we needed to respond with other town departments to any emergency.

The Highway Department: The crews put in long, hard hours plowing and sanding to keep up with the huge amounts of snow we received this winter, and then had to turn around and clean up the plowed snow to get ready for the next storm. It was a constant battle this winter and I commend the crew for their hard work and determination.

Spring arrived very late with soft roads, flooding and washouts to contend with, but we were still able to complete extensive ditching, maintenance and rebuilding on roads in the Chemung area, as well as the rebuilding, repaving and reconstruction of drainage and culverts on several town roads. Neal Shore Road was rebuilt and repaved in conjunction with the Water & Sewer Department sewer installation. To comply with new Environmental Laws, the whole drainage system at the town garage was dug up and replaced with a new floor drainage system with a holding tank.

The Solid Waste Facility faced a problem when the bottom fell out of the glass market. We needed to find an alternate source of recycling the huge amounts of glass dumped at the facility. We were able to acquire a Grant for funding to purchase a Glass Crusher through the NH The Beautiful program. This crusher enables us to crush the glass and mix it with our gravel. This extends our gravel supply inexpensively and the mixture is used as filler for the base of our roadbeds prior to paving.

The Cemetery Department: Trees were planted and more landscaping done by the cemetery crew in their continuing efforts to beautify the cemetery grounds. The Water & Sewer Department did a great job installing a new water line, which will be a big help to the cemetery crew. The cemetery sexton has completed the first phase of the inventory and cataloging of the cemetery graves and created a database in the computer. This will greatly improve our record keeping and make things more efficient in the future.

The Buildings & Grounds Crew was also kept busy this past winter keeping sidewalks and town building roofs shoveled. The dry weather this summer kept them busy constantly watering and maintaining the fields, lawns and flowers throughout the parks and at town buildings. Their hard work kept the town looking beautiful the entire summer and fall and the Christmas wreaths, lights and decorations they hung on the streets, in the parks and at the town buildings really decked the town out for the holidays.

As Director of Public Works and on behalf of all the Public Works employees, I would like to thank the community for their support over the past year. May the year 2002 be a good year for all of us.

Recreation Department

Vint M. Choiniere, Recreation Director, CPRP

I would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2001. I would also like to thank town and school officials, Parks and Recreation Commission, and members of the Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Fire, Police, and Water Departments for their continued support of our activities, and facility maintenance. Their spirit of cooperation is very much appreciated and vital to the delivery of recreational services to our community. A thank you also goes out to St. Charles Church, Mr. Lee Huckins of the Grange, and Anna Swanson of the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club for the use of their facilities and services throughout the year.

New programs and improvements to existing programs were very successful during the past year. One major change included recruiting and hiring a professional staff of certified teachers to conduct our Summer Playground Program. The program received much positive feedback from parents and attracted large numbers of participants, who enjoyed a wide range of well supervised fun filled activities, field trips, and special events. We also established a scholarship program, which assisted local high school students with lifeguard certification. This provided a tremendous recruiting tool as we were able to fully staff both beaches at a time when many communities struggled to fill lifeguard positions. We also implemented a "Guard Start" program offered by the Red Cross designed to introduce younger children to lifeguard training, in hopes of developing their interest in becoming a lifeguard in the future. New program offerings such as a trip to Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox, Canoe and Kayak Instruction, Horseback Riding Lessons, Local Hikes, Indoor Rock Climbing, and Music and Movement were offered in 2001. Our annual Summer Concert Series was expanded to include two additional concerts. The additional expense was defrayed by local sponsors and grants obtained by the Recreation Department. The instructional tennis program was also improved and revitalized by enlisting the services of long time professional instructors Curt and Joanne Chesley. Not only did we have a large number of youngsters participate, we also added a new adult program as well. Our very successful skate park trip series was expanded in 2001 and include trips to Rutland, VT, Portland, Maine, Litchfield, NH, and Keene, NH.

In the photo below are participants of "Tippy Canoe and Kayak Too" 2001



Recreation Department continued...

Additional activities and program offerings in 2001 included Modern Dance, Swing Dance, Mini-Sports, Babysitting Class, Baseball/Softball Clinic, Senior Exercise, Aerobics, Easter Egg Hunt, Greetings from the Easter Bunny, T-Ball, Swim Lessons, Swim Team, Water Carnival, Archery, Street Dance, Lot Dance, Youth Gym and Fitness, Yoga, Fall Family Fun Fest, Youth Soccer, Community Skating Party, North Pole Calling, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Ice Skating Lessons, Indoor Soccer, Ski and Snowboard Lesson Program at Gunstock, and School Vacation Activities. Community Trips for people of all ages were offered such as the New England Spring Flower Show in Boston, MA, Whale Watch in Rye Harbor, NH, Moose Tour in Berlin, NH, Boston Pops Holiday Concert in Durham, NH, and King Pine Ski and Snowboard Trip. Children and family entertainment offerings such as Marcus Gale, BJ Hickman Magic Show, Animals with Bad Reputations, Donna Marie and Her Friends, Little Red Wagon Theatre and the New Hampshire Shakespeare Festival were provided in 2001 as well.

We were very proud and excited to open a skate park at Prescott Park in early October of 2001. The tennis court area was repaved and is now being utilized as a skate park area, which accommodates in-line skating, roller blading, skate boarding and BMX biking. The facility attracted huge crowds and provides a much needed, safe area for these activities, which were previously performed on streets, parking lots, and storefronts. The skate park was made possible through the efforts of many volunteer supervisors, local merchants who contributed materials, supplies, and funding for this very successful and rewarding effort. Town administrators along with the Public Works Department also played a major role in establishing this valuable facility for our youth. A special thank you goes out to Bob Myshrall Enterprises and Hunter and Secord Builders who generously contributed their time and services during the construction of the park elements. Plans are underway to expand the skate park next season through grant writing, fund raising, and continued volunteer efforts. The skate park has been designated to receive funds from the Glenn Hart Memorial Fund, and will be named in Mr. Hart's memory, once completed.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of recreation in our community and encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with us. I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational experiences for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2002.

In the photo below are participants of the "Summer Playground Program" 2001



Town Clerk Department

Pauline L. Jones, Town Clerk

Sheila M. Vachon, Deputy Town Clerk

It doesn't seem possible another year has come and gone. National and local events of 2001 will forever leave a great imprint on us all.

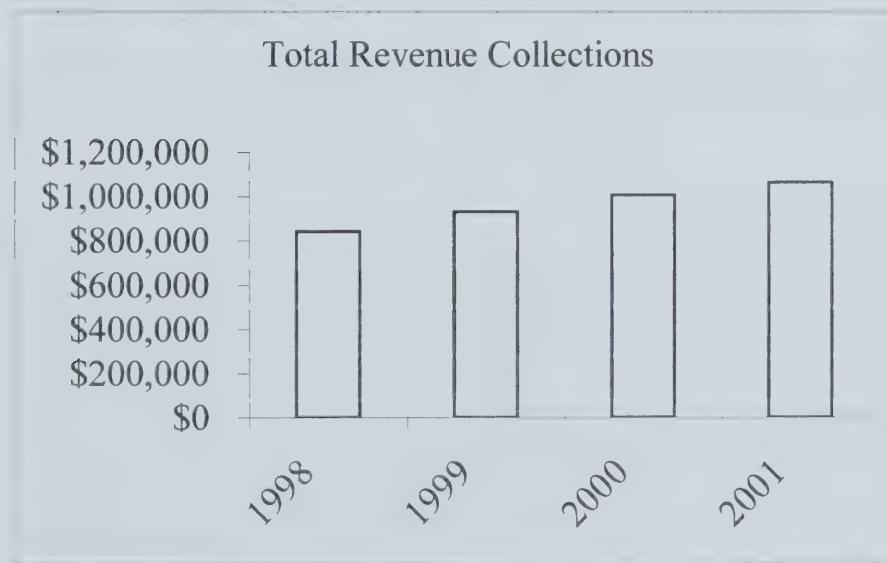
Our department has kept very busy with the different changes implemented by the State of New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles. The "MOOSE" plates seem to be very popular and that's a big plus for the Conservation and Heritage Fund for which this revenue is collected.

Sheila has completed one year of courses on her way to Certification. We also continue attending seminars in Concord to keep up with the changes that occur during the year.

The 2001 Town Clerk Department collections were as follows:

Auto Registrations (9598)	1,014,786.50
Dogs (1180)	8,244.50
Miscellaneous:	<u>42,019.86</u>
(Includes): UCC Filings, Marriage Licenses, Vital Record Copies, Aquatherm Permits, Dredge & Fill Permits, Mailings, and Notary/Justice Fees.	

Total Revenue Collected	<u>\$1,065,050.86</u>
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We greatly appreciate your continued support and we are always willing to help if it is within our capacity to do so.

Water and Sewer Departments

Robert Hill, Superintendent

Staff: Daniel Cutting, Charles Wade and Lee Bavis

The year 2001 was an extremely busy year. We kept active maintaining the water and sewer systems to provide the best possible service to the community. Some of the highlights above routine maintenance, repairs, and cleaning are:

- A water meter-upgrading program, which continues.
- A water main extension of Reservoir Road with the addition of two new fire hydrants.
- We again met all State and EPA water quality requirements.
- Completed the construction of a water pressure booster station on Ladd Hill, which will remedy the low-pressure problems on Cataldo Road, Reservoir Road, and Route 104.
- Repaired three water main breaks that were located on Route 25, Hillrise Lane, and Plymouth Street.
- Filtered 145,586,000 gallons of water through the water treatment plant.
- Completed the Neal Shore sewer collection main project.
- Awarded the contract to renovate the main sewer pumping station, which is part of the Plymouth Street/Route 3 North water and sewer upgrade project.
- Installed a backup generator at the Waukegan sewer pump station at no cost to the Town. The generator was paid entirely by FEMA money.
- Rebuilt two dry hydrants in Meredith Center and Chemung for fire fighting capabilities.
- The Reservoir Dam was backed up with earth fill to insure the integrity of the dam and allow for easier maintenance.
- Installed a new water line system in Meredith Cemetery.

I would like to thank my staff for their hard work and commitment, Public Works for their assistance, and of course thank you for allowing us to serve you.

American Red Cross

Thomas A. Drouin, Chairman

Constance A. Morrison, Executive Director

The year 2001 marked the eighty-fourth year of the Greater White Mountain Chapter's humanitarian existence. Historically, our Chapter's experience with disaster response has met the standard of excellence. This year our "Disaster Action Team" volunteers were taxed to the maximum as they responded to the many hotel and resort fires where multiple families were vacationing. At the same time, we continue to serve victims of smaller emergencies, which were certainly not small to them.

We learned some valuable lessons in the past year. We found some areas for improvement and learned our strengths. We learned we need more of a presence in the sixty-nine towns and unincorporated townships we serve. This year we are emphasizing volunteer recruitment to tell the Red Cross story, so we can spread the word about our mission to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. We know we need to work harder in our fund raising efforts to increase our revenue. With the "can do" spirit of our volunteers and employees, we will do this.

We have had a number of successes this year. We have been rechartered for the next five years. We work closely with our blood program and donations of blood are increasing. We are increasingly active in our summer camps, emphasizing safety in our water and workplace programs. Our Executive Director, Constance A. Morrison, and our staff have designed a package called "An Amazing Start for Our Kids" beginning with teaching three year olds how to be safe.

Finally, let me congratulate the Tri-State (Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont) Chapters in their long awaited efforts and plans to successfully merge, thereby better serving all of our communities. Then we in Red Cross, including the Greater White Mountain Chapter, can continue to make a difference every day. Remember, "Together we save lives".

Community Health & Hospice

Margaret Frankhouser, ARNP, MS, MPH, Executive Director

Community Health & Hospice, Inc., a not-for-profit home health agency serving the greater Lakes Region, offers services to Meredith residents to complement the services of *Meredith Public Health Nursing*. Working with local providers, CH&H offers hospice care, homemaker and companion support for the elderly and disabled, bereavement support, and clinical/social services to young families who are at risk for disease, disability or behavioral problems.

Support from the Town of Meredith is used to fund:

- services that require community-matching funds, such as the homemaker companion program
- parenting education and support for families at risk for child abuse or neglect
- medical care for children who lack health insurance coverage
- immunizations for children and teens
- medical social worker services for those in need of community resources
- clinical home-based nursing and therapy for those who lack health insurance coverage

During the most recent fiscal year, Community Health & Hospice provided the following services to Meredith residents:

- homemaker services – 561, family support/parenting education services – 385, hospice – 238
- immunization/flu vaccine – 57, home care assistance – 265, companion services for the elderly/disabled- 576

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Emergency Management Agency

Steven R. Bennett, Director

For the past nineteen years, I have had the privilege of serving our community as the Director of Emergency Management. During those years, I trained, studied, researched, investigated and wrote and finalized the Emergency Response Procedures that have been used by the Town of Meredith for years.

On September 11, 2001 I was deeply reminded of the reasons that communities need these plans. As I watched the tragedies in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania unfold, it became obvious that emergency procedures were making an otherwise impossible situation survivable for many. I was also deeply reminded of the fact that the best planning will not work without citizens dedicated to emergency response in their communities.

At a time when the world is looking for heroes, I remind you that they live all around us- right here. From the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, our Town Department Heads, our Fire Fighters and Police Officers, our Town Employees and many volunteers throughout our Town - the "hero list" goes on. Each and every one of these men and women stand ready and willing to come to the aid of our community and are prepared to respond to any need that should arise. In many situations, they go above and beyond what their job descriptions have asked of them. Most of us have grown to expect this and to take it for granted.

To each and every one of our own "hometown heroes" that have given or will give their blood, sweat and tears to protect us, I would like to say "Thank You". I dedicate this year's Emergency Management Report to you all.

May God bless you, protect you and keep you all safe.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

Connie Pelletier, Executive Director

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Town of Meredith for their continued support of our agency. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, fully licensed, non-denominational, tax-exempt community childcare agency incorporated in 1971. This past October we celebrated our 30th anniversary of childcare services. An educational program along with childcare services are now being provided for second generation families- children whose parents are alumni.

Our center is open on a year-round basis in two sites from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the Center operates comprehensive, developmentally appropriate infant, toddler, preschool, and school age extended-day programs with a full range of services including full and part time child care, morning preschool programs, summer and vacation day camp programs, and USDA approved hot meals and snacks. Guided by a professional staff, the children receive an educational program along with the services of health care, special needs, vision and hearing screening, dental care, and transportation for kindergarten. Through the State of New Hampshire under Title XX, sliding fee scale tuition (based on family size and income) is available for purposes of employment, training, and pursuit of degree or certificate programs, job search and temporary disability. Additional services include sponsorship of the Inter-Lakes Family Daycare Nutrition Program, a group of 26 licensed home daycare providers who receive federal reimbursement from USDA, by serving approved meals and snacks while providing care for children of working parents.

Kidworks Learning Center

Karen Stetson, Executive Director

Kidworks Learning Center is a private, non-profit organization providing care and education for children of area families. The center participates in the Title XX Tuition Assistance Program, and with support from the USDA, provides breakfast, lunch and snacks to all. Kidworks operates year round and is open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. Kidworks building and playgrounds are handicapped accessible. Programs offered at the center include Infant/Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten, Before & After School Care and a Summer Enrichment Camp.

Kidworks Learning Center exists to provide quality early childhood education that is accessible and affordable. We welcome children of all races, color, national origin, sex and ability.

This fall Kidworks purchased the facility it currently occupies and extended municipal water to the building. Scheduled for spring 2002 are the installation of a fire sprinkler system and the renovation of an existing space. Completion of the project will allow for the accommodation of 12 more children.

The sustainability and growth of Kidworks Learning Center is made possible through the support of our community. On behalf of the families, staff and Board of Directors, I extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith for its continued support.

Lakes Region Association

Amy Landers, Executive Director

The Lakes Region Association is a non-profit tourism marketing organization that is the spokesperson for each community to visitors who are interested in vacationing in the Lakes Region or looking for more information about purchasing land or buying a seasonal or retirement home.

Our office receives and responds to requests for vacation and relocation information that comes through our toll-free number and Internet Web Site – www.lakesregion.org. Last year our office serviced over 36,000 requests for information about the Lakes Region. Many of these requests came from the national advertising campaign that we ran throughout the spring. Our Map and Guide has a distribution of 600,000 copies throughout northeast at brochure racks. Our Web Site includes extensive information on the region, calendar of events and links. We list events on the calendar for every community free of charge to demonstrate to visitors the numerous activities throughout the entire region. The Web Site averages 275,000 hits per month.

This year we produced a CD Rom media kit that we will send to over 300-travel writers nationwide. This is integrated into our Web Site with links so that travel writers have immediate access to our members and the Lakes Region communities.

Town appropriation funds assist us in publishing literature, maintaining two visitor information centers, advertising the Lakes Region throughout the Northeast, Canada, in national publications, Web Site access, Media Kits and fulfilling each request with information to attract more visitors to the area.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Lakes Region Child and Family Services

George R. Samuels, Director

Since Child and Family Services merged with Lakes Region Child Family Services, we have been pleased to continue to offer a wide variety of quality services to Meredith children and their families. Child and Family Services, serving New Hampshire children and families for 150 years, is New Hampshire's oldest charitable social service organization. The Lakes Region Board, which helps guide local programming, included 3 residents of Meredith in the past year.

During the past year, we provided 121 hours of service to 25 Meredith residents through the following services: Family and Children's counseling, supervised visitation, child abuse prevention and teen services. Other CFS services available to Meredith residents include Camp Spaulding, a residential camp for low-income children and an adolescent group home.

Lakes Region Community Services Council

Richard Crocker, Executive Director

Throughout the past year, Lakes Region Community Services Council has continued to serve those Meredith residents who have a developmental disability. Services such as: family support, residential, vocational and transportation, have long become an inherent part of the lives of these individuals. Although these supports are valuable, we were missing one important part, recreation.

Last year we requested funding to support a Recreation Coordinator position. We realize there are many recreational activities available, but only some of the individuals we serve are able to access them. We now have a person working full time to assist in providing recreational opportunities for people who live in the Town of Meredith and surrounding towns. Thank you for your support.

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Kimon Koulet, Executive Director

The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a voluntary, non-profit association of local governments formed for the purpose of bringing area municipalities together. By associating and pooling resources, local governments have access to a highly trained professional staff for a wide variety of expertise in land use and transportation planning, master planning, environmental planning, historic preservation, capital improvement programming, economic and community development, housing, fiscal and environmental impact analysis, geographic information systems, household hazardous waste collections, engineering and site plan review. Circuit rider planning and public facilitation services are also available from the Commission.

Your support helps the LRPC maintain a regional presence working on behalf of all local governments in the Lakes Region. Over the past year the LRPC:

- Supplied the Inter-Lakes School District with a new map depicting school bus routes.
- Provided the Town with a map showing a 20-mile radius from a cell Town location as part of an effort to site a tower within the Town.
- Assisted the planning department with the current update of the Town Master Plan.
- Coordinated the 16th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, with nearly 2,400 households from 27 communities participating. Over 16,000 gallons of toxic household products were removed.
- Entered into an Agreement with the NH Office of Emergency Management to prepare two pilot all hazard mitigation plans. These plans are used to facilitate mitigation funds from the federal government.
- Completed the Region's first digital land use map, which is available to local and regional organizations.
- Prepared and hosted citizen education workshops on How to Prepare a Master Plan, and Planning Board Processes and Procedures.
- As part of the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, the LRPC staffed the Pemigewasset River Advisory Committee.
- Organized National Flood Insurance workshops for local officials.
- Hosted a statewide meeting to discuss the update of the NH DOT Rail Plan.

We look forward to serving Meredith in the future. Feel free to contact us at 279-8171 whenever we can be of assistance.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Meredith Chamber of Commerce

Susan Cerutti, Executive Director

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 340 businesses who are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. All members are listed on our web site www.meredithcc.org. This past year the Chamber office located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway was open during the winter and the Information Center was open daily from May through October. Visitors to the Center found a wide array of promotional literature. Staffing the Center in 2001 were Judy Manning, Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, and Molly Landrigan.

The major marketing effort of the Chamber in 2001 was the placement of display ads in national magazines designed to entice people to visit the area and the production and distribution of a four color, high quality brochure. The 2001 Meredith Area brochure was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, at corporate locations in New England and New York, and in the hotels in the Greater Boston area. The brochures are also at the state rest areas, the Manchester Airport Visitor Center and mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks, Christmas Open House, the MayFest Gala, The Community Yard Sale, and the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting. Regular Business After Hours were held and the Antiquing Guide, The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all continued.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the Town in carrying out its many projects.

Meredith Community Action Program

Prudence Tylenda, Area Director

The Meredith Community Action Program is a local, community based, non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of the elderly and low-income residents in the Town of Meredith.

During the past year, we have provided \$399,074 in services to Meredith residents. As you are aware, our major concern has always been, and will continue to be, the delivery of needed services to the elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of the community. Some of the services we provide are administration of the Fuel Assistance Program, the Women, Infants and Children Program, congregate meals at the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, emergency food pantry, family planning and transportation. For more information, please contact 279-4096.

We wish to thank the Town of Meredith for it's continued support of CAP.

Meredith Historical Society

Dawn Dever, President

The Main Street Museum continues to be open four days a week through the summer months with a paid attendant and the Farm Museum on Winona Road is open two afternoons each week through the summer. Volunteers staff it. We also give tours by appointment of both museums.

From May to November, we have a program on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 in the evening. This program is open to all who are interested in attending. The programs are quite varied.

The outside of the Farm Museum was painted this year and some major repairs were done on the northeast corner of the building. More problems were discovered and more serious repairs will need to be done in 2002. This building is nearly two hundred years old.

The Traveling Farm Museum Trunk has been used in local schools and at meetings of organizations. One art class at the Inter-Lakes High School used some of the contents and the resulting artwork was displayed in the Main Street Museum window.

The Society plans to hold the two yard and bake sales this year at the Farm Museum. These are in May and August.

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

Jane H. Kiah, RN, Executive Director

Meredith Public Health Nursing Association is a Medicare, Medicaid, BC/BS approved and State Licensed non-profit agency that provides Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Home Health Aides, and Homemaker Service to the residents of Meredith and Center Harbor.

Our staff includes: Jane H. Kiah, RN, Executive Director; Diane Hommel, RN; Marie Simpson, RN, Eileen Moore, RN; Janice Adams, RN; Joanne McLean, PT; Craig Walton, PT; Stephen Walton, PT; Elaine Blizzard, OT; Judy Stoecklin, MSPA, CCC-SLP; Marilyn Kimball, CNA; Sheila Grad, CNA; Donna Bilodeau, CNA; Dale Connolly, Office Manager; Annette Paine, Office Clerk, and Aglaia Rouvalis Office Clerk.

Home Visit Services in Meredith during 2001 include: 2230 RN; 440 Weekend/Evenings; 175 Physical Therapy; 4 Speech Therapy; 36 Occupational Therapy; 2619 CNA; 842 Office Visits; 430 Flu Clinics.

Memorial gifts were received in memory of James Amabile, Priscilla Atteberry, Dorothy Boyd, Flora Chandler, Dr. E. Robert Coburn, Rita Coggeshall, Marjorie Collins, Thomas Downing, Jenney Hanson, Mary E. Hughes, Mae M. Hughes, John C. Hughes, Sr., George Hyde, Ernest "Zeke" Ladd, Marion Landry, Orilla Richards, Jeanette Ritzenhaler, Marie Rooney, Charles Rouvalis, Pearle "Rickie" Sprague, Frederick Spyker, Donald Stewart, Robert Valliere.

A sincere thank you is extended to the residents of Meredith and our many volunteers for their continued strong support to our agency.

SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES

New Beginnings – A Women's Crisis Center

Kathy Keller, Director

On behalf of New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center and those we serve, I would like to thank the Town of Meredith for its continued support. The \$1,500.00 allocation in 2001 assisted us in providing emergency services, advocacy and support to those whose lives have been affected by domestic and sexual violence.

New Beginnings offers 24-hour Crisis Line. We operate a full time shelter for women and children and have safe homes for male victims; provide support and advocacy at courts, hospitals, police stations, and social service agencies. New Beginnings offer peer support groups for those affected by domestic or sexual violence, assists with needs assessments, case management and housing options; and does community outreach and education programs for youth, teens and adults. **All services are confidential and are provided free of charge.**

The advocacy, outreach, education and support services our agency provides represent many service hours.

New Beginnings is one of 14 members of the statewide NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic and sexual assault programs. The coalition is an evaluating body and administrator of state and federal contracts that provide subsidiary funding for member programs while advocating for legislative change that affect victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

We greatly appreciate the support of the Meredith community. We are dedicated to human service, social responsibility and fiscal accountability. Although New Beginnings represents a finite portion of the Meredith Town Budget, the returns are immeasurable. We welcome your participation in our efforts to insure a world of safety for our children and ourselves.

Volunteers are an integral part of the work done by our agency. In 2001 there were 10,244 hours of service provided by volunteers. They are always needed and the opportunity to serve is fulfilling.

Thank you for joining us to *make a difference.*

New Hampshire Humane Society

Claudia Abdinoor, Executive Director

The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) provides numerous services to the residents and companion animals in the Town of Meredith. Strays are safely housed for 7 days prior to becoming available for adoption to the public. NHHS takes in owner- relinquished pets by appointment and matches the animal with the best adoptive home. We offer the residents of your town an alternative to releasing their animal to the streets when they can no longer care for them. Quarantine facilities are made available to the town as well as animal cruelty investigation. Obedience training and advice for animal behavior issues are offered at the shelter. Educational and medical links are available through our website, www.nhhumane.org. If you are interested in any of the programs, please call the administrative offices at (603) 524-8236 or contact the shelter at (603) 524-3252.

The total number of animals brought to the New Hampshire Humane Society from your Town during 2001 (to 11/09/01) is as follows:

Stray Animals from:	Town of Meredith	Owner Surrendered
Dogs & Puppies	52	20
Cats & Kittens	43	10
Other Animals	1	1
Deceased	2	
Protective Custody	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>
Total received	100	31

Total number of all animals received during 2001: 131

Winnepesaukee Wellness Center

James Wallace, Meredith Representative, Advisory Committee

Winnepesaukee Wellness Center is located in leased space at 80 Bean Road in Moultonboro. Area residents with medical problems and physical limitations, whose participation is agreed to by a physician, receive medically supervised exercise and attend health and medical clinics. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 am until 4 pm. In the Spring of 2002, it is expected the Center will be open five days weekly with more staff.

A foot clinic is held on Thursdays. Diabetes, breathing, weight loss and other clinics are conducted frequently. The center currently has 155 residents enrolled, with 35 from Meredith. The monthly fee is \$38.00 for the initial family member and \$19.00 for the second. Enrollment is increasing weekly. No one is turned away because of inability to pay the fees. Currently, 10 Meredith residents are receiving financial scholarships. The funds raised from the towns are used to help cover the deficits.

The current permanent Center staff consists of a Registered Nurse and Exercise Specialist. Additional staff is assigned from time to time as conditions dictate. Several volunteers assist in carrying out the program. Financial support has come from the Towns of Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonboro, Sandwich, a few individuals, and the annual golf tournament at Waukegan Golf Course and Lakes Region General Healthcare makes up the remaining deficits.

Additional New Recreational Facilities

Peter G. Russell, Town Manager

This summer construction finally got under way on our additional Municipal recreational facilities between Prescott Park and Inter-Lakes Elementary School.

The Project got off to a very slow construction start, but completion will take place in 2002.

The facility will offer six new tennis courts, two of which have lighting for evening use. The courts have been constructed; temporary court lines will be added in the spring. Court coloring will be completed in late spring or summer of 2002. Our old tennis courts were converted to a skate park.

A high school basketball field and large soccer field are also under construction as part of this facility. The field areas are large enough to accommodate 2 – 4 utility, practice or smaller play areas. The fields have both drainage and irrigation systems installed. Topsoil and seeding is to be completed in 2002. Grass will establish itself by growing throughout 2002 before the fields can be utilized. The fields are scheduled to be available for the 2003 seasons.

Parking for the new facilities will be at existing facilities; either the present lot at Prescott Park or Inter-Lakes Elementary School; either will be just a short walk away.

Advanced planning led us to place electrical conduits in place to provide for future underground wiring, lighting either or both fields or more tennis court lighting.

If you have any questions about the facility, please see or contact Town Manager Peter Russell or Stephen Nedeau, Chairman of the Meredith Board of Selectmen.

Capital Improvements Program - Advisory Committee

Peter Brothers, Chairman

Allen Gable, Vice Chairman

Pam Bliss, Planning Board Representative

Bob Flanders, Board of Selectmen Representative

Scott Nolan, School Board Representative

Bob Ambrose

Roland Boucher

The Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee is now into its third year of service to our community. The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is a collaborative effort on the part of the Town of Meredith and the Inter-Lakes School District. The recommended program functions as an organizational tool providing a bridge between planning and budgeting for capital improvements.

It is important to emphasize the necessity of having active participation from both public officials and community members in the development of the Capital Improvements Program. Our process forecasts capital needs and by doing so, enhances voter awareness. Further, these recommendations support our objective to project stable tax impacts attributable to capital projects that are likely to be incorporated in future Town and School budget proposals.

The Capital Improvements Program document describes the purposes of the CIP, how the program is being utilized at present, the program amendment cycle, and includes a summary of recommended projects for the Town and School District. Additional detail and analysis is included in the appendices. We hope this information will be a useful tool as budgets are developed and considered. If you are interested in a copy of the Meredith 2002-2007 Capital Improvements Program, please contact the Meredith Planning Department at 279-4538.

I would like to acknowledge the devotion of time and effort expended by the volunteer CIP Advisory Committee listed above. We are also grateful for the continued support and contributions of the staff of the Town of Meredith and the Inter-Lakes School District. Thank you.

Meredith Main Street Program

Linda Kelley, Program Manager

The Meredith Main Street Program was initiated in 1997 as a not-for-profit organization. The focus of this organization is to revitalize the downtown area of Meredith thereby improving the quality of life for those who reside in and visit Meredith.

The designation as a NH Main Street Community does not provide financial support from any national or state agency. The strength of this program relies on the partnerships of the public and private sector. As we move forward into our forth-year of existence, we are pleased to report on many great improvements to our downtown area. These could not have been accomplished without the many volunteers and monetary contributions from people who value Meredith.

The mission of the Meredith Main Street Program is to promote community life, strengthen the economic base, maintain and improve the integrity of the village character while increasing investment in the Main Street area and preserving our natural and historic resources.

Community Scorecard Since 1997 - 2000

Promotions	8,414
Public Improvements	103,435
Building Improvements	1,029,723
New Construction	3,932,300
Buildings Sold	2,135,800

1997 - 2001

Number of New & Expanded Businesses	21
Gain in New Jobs	42

Projects

Facade Grant Program
Main Street Walkway
Hesky Park Lighting
Adopt A Spot Program
Swasey Park Revitalization Project
Revolving Facade Loan Program

Grants Received

NH Charitable Organization
Citizens Bank
Meredith Rotary Club
Meredith Lions Club

1997 – 2001 Physical Improvements

An investment to the physical appearance has been made to 21 buildings in downtown. Many of these improvements were made possible through the Meredith Main Street Program's Facade Grants and Facade Investment Loan Program.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Town of Meredith ~ Births

Date	Childs Name	Fathers Name	Mothers Name
01/15/01	Taylor, Quinn Freeman	Taylor, Kenneth	Taylor, Heidiann
02/14/01	Foster, Bradley Joseph	Foster, Christopher	Foster, Heather
04/16/01	Flanders, Emily Rebekah	Flanders, Mark	Flanders, Nicole
04/21/01	Devito, Cortney L	Devito, Paul	Devito, Christine
04/28/01	Smith, Shaylie Elizabeth	Smith, Timothy	Smith, Cassandra
05/01/01	Miles, Colby Melkon	Miles, Dwayne	Miles, Tania
05/17/01	Moffett, Jessica Margaret	Moffett, Wilson	Moffett, Mary
06/20/01	Yopp, Anthony Baron	Yopp, David	Yopp, Alyson
06/21/01	Bird, Simon Alexander	Bird, John	Bird, Dana
06/21/01	Bird, Edward Comstock	Bird, John	Bird, Dana
06/26/01	Richardson, Grace Elizabeth	Richardson, Mitchell	Richardson, Mary
06/27/01	Reed, Ryan Arthur	Reed, Fred	Reed Laurie
06/27/01	Hamel, Kody Charles	Hamel, Kenneth	Hamel, Kimberly
06/30/01	Gintof, Julia Grace	Gintof, Thomas	Gintof, Danielle
06/30/01	Lines, Alyson Paige	Lines, Jeffrey	Lines, Carole
07/17/01	Watson, Christian James	Watson, Jesse	Watson, Allison
07/20/01	Roberts, Calvin Thomas	Roberts, Steven	Roberts, Sonya
08/16/01	Lafoe, Alec Joseph	Lafoe, Damon	Lafoe, Karin
08/26/01	Hibbert, Hannah Margaret	Hibbert, Kenneth	Hibbert, Lisa
09/09/01	White, Morgan Grace	White, Thomas	White, Kristin
09/15/01	Beaumont, Nicholas Stephen	Beaumont, Stephen	Beaumont, Barbara
09/24/01	Vachon, Gage Paul	Vachon, James	Vachon, Caroline
10/04/01	Coulstring, Aja Lynn	Coulstring, Edward	Coulstring, Anne
10/07/01	Johnson, Abigail Leigh	Johnson, Herbert	Johnson, Heather
10/16/01	Pendergast, Olivia Jeanne	Pendergast, Richard	Pendergast, Lisa
10/16/01	Noe, Samuel Forrest	Noe, Sean	Noe, Rebecca
10/19/01	Potter, Richard Linwood	Potter, Jason	Potter, Karen
10/23/01	Bates, Michael Agusti	Bates, Thomas	Bates, Maria
10/30/01	Taggett, Branden William	Taggett, William	Taggett, Christine
10/30/01	Taggett, Rachel Elizabeth	Taggett, William	Taggett, Christine
11/01/01	Sirles, Veronica Jean	Sirles, Ronald	Sirles, Michele
11/04/01	Okker, Lilly Blossom	Okker, Huib	Okker, Pilar
11/27/01	Ambrose, Taylor Jade	Ambrose, Travis	Ambrose, Leah
11/30/01	Goulet, Riley Danielle	Goulet, Peter	Goulet, Keri
11/30/01	Duquette, Samantha Rose	Duquette, Andre	Duquette, Sara
12/04/01	Wheeler, Emma Louise	Wheeler, Seth	Wheeler, Beatrice
12/13/01	Salamanca, Juliana Catherine	Salamanca, Anthony	Salamanca, Jennifer

Town of Meredith ~ Marriages

Date	Grooms Name	Grooms Residency	Brides Name	Brides Residency
01/06/01	Watson, Darryl E.	Meredith, NH	Talbot, Leslie	Meredith, NH
01/12/01	Yopp, David C.	Meredith, NH	Roberts, Alyson D.	Meredith, NH
01/26/01	Meeks, Dennis A.	Berlin, NH	Wells, Kittie M.	Meredith, NH
01/26/01	Muse, Matthew C.	Colebrook, NH	Adel, Jennifer N.	Gilmanton, NH
01/27/01	Nealon, Patrick J.	Meredith, NH	Lacroix, Michelle L.	Meredith, NH
02/06/01	Seley, Timothy D.	Meredith, NH	Bruno, Amanda J.	Northfield, NH
02/10/01	Blake, James L. Jr.	Meredith, NH	Scott, Anne E.	Meredith, NH
02/10/01	Card, Thomas C.	Meredith, NH	Winchell, Emily D.	Hudson Falls, NY
02/14/01	Harrington, John P.	Meredith, NH	Harrington, Barbara	Meredith, NH
03/10/01	Baron, Shane R.	Meredith, NH	Blaisdell, Kristy E.	Meredith, NH
04/01/01	Lucaciu, Florin A.	Meredith, NH	LaFlamme, Margaux	Meredith, NH
04/07/01	Kidd, Kerry W.	Meredith, NH	Rogers, Tammy E.	Meredith, NH
04/13/01	Price, Owen E.	Meredith, NH	Teran, Rebecca A.	Brunswick, ME
05/05/01	Clark, Laurand E. B.	Norwich, CT	Harley, Karen M.	Norwich, CT
05/12/01	Schmalle, Michael J.	Meredith, NH	Ratchford, Elyssa R.	Meredith, NH
05/12/01	Kelley, David L.	Meredith, NH	Bennett, Holly L.	Meredith, NH
05/17/01	LeBlanc, Ernest D.	Meredith, NH	Casey, Sherry L.	Meredith, NH
05/19/01	Elliott, William G.	Dorchester, MA	Hansen, Christine M.	Braintree, MA
05/20/01	Carpenter, Michael J.	Saugus, MA	Noone, Teresa A.	Saugus, MA
05/26/01	Burnell, Christopher A.	Meredith, NH	Zaho, Fang	Kunming, China
05/28/01	Bruno, Phillip E.	Pittsburgh, PA	Lubynsky, Martha H.	Pittsburgh, PA
06/02/01	McLean, Andrew M.	Moultonboro, NH	O'Hara, Debra J.	Moultonboro, NH
06/09/01	Gove, Walter A. III.	Bristol, NH	Kenney, Rebecca D.	Bristol, NH
06/16/01	Morales, Daniel	Tafton, Pa	Herrmann, Fredericke	Tafton, PA
06/21/01	Hogan, Roger L.	Meredith, NH	Thompson, Elaine M.	Meredith, NH
06/22/01	Lara, Wilkin A.	Meredith, NH	Morris, Anne E.	Meredith, NH
06/23/01	Ambrose, Jeremy M.	Meredith, NH	Lauziere, Deborah A.	Laconia, NH
06/23/01	Hickok, Marshall D.	Meredith, NH	Federspiel, Marian	Meredith, NH
06/30/01	Perrault, Mark T.	Meredith, NH	Fregeau, Tammy L.	Meredith, NH
06/30/01	Potter, Jason A.	Meredith, NH	Herbert, Karen A.	Meredith, NH
06/30/01	Prindle, Sean D.	Tilton, NH	Gaides, Janet K.	Meredith, NH
06/30/01	Moynihan, Dermot G.	Meredith, NH	Renna, Chantelle M.	Meredith, NH
06/30/01	Diffell, Caleb N.	Clearwater, FL	Anderson, Joanne L.	Meredith, NH
07/13/01	Napolitano, Alexander	Meredith, NH	Dhoku, Michelle M.	Dover, NH

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Town of Meredith ~ Marriages continued...

Date	Grooms Name	Grooms Residency	Brides Name	Brides Residency
07/28/01	Dube, Daniel D.	Meredith, NH	Ritchie, Kristin L.	Meredith, NH
07/28/01	Begg, Jeffrey C.	Braintree, MA	Bagley, Amy R.	Braintree, MA
07/28/01	Roche, Joseph F.	Bristol, NH	Barton, Ruth A.	Concord, NH
07/28/01	Kimball, Scott D.	Meredith, NH	Puleo, Jan J.	Sanbornton, NH
07/28/01	Mckitrick, Mark A.	Rochester, NH	Faris, Gina L.	Meredith, NH
08/06/01	Bulletti, John A.	Meredith, NH	Oneill, Lucia M.	Laconia, NH
08/11/01	Harding, Jeffrey A.	Laconia, NH	Truman, Nicole D.	Laconia, NH
08/25/01	Farrar, Zachary R.	Windham, NH	Weimer, Heather J.	Glastonbury, CT
08/25/01	Kiah, Gregory P.	Pacific Beach, CA	Staus, Victoria M.	Pacific Beach, CA
08/25/01	Holland, Robert C.	Meredith, NH	Hickok, Elizabeth A.	Laconia, NH
09/09/01	Orr Jr, Samuel J.	Naples, FL	Thresher, Lois R.	Stonington, CT
09/15/01	Dennett, William J.	Attleboro, MA	Czerwonka, Joyce M.	Attleboro, MA
09/22/01	Wischlbarger III, Andreas	Meredith, NH	Sisson, Melanie R.	Meredith, NH
09/22/01	Brooks, Jon W.	Meredith, NH	Ouellette, Kristen M	Meredith, NH
09/22/01	Anderson, Lars D.	Meredith, NH	Bohl, Barbara R.	Meredith, NH
09/29/01	Palsgrove, Ronald L.	Leesburg, FL	White, Stacey L.	Leesburg, FL
09/29/01	Wilson, Alan W.	Meredith, NH	Matthey, Suzette V.	Meredith, NH
10/06/01	Holland, Bryan R.	Meredith, NH	Chinawong, Kanya	Meredith, NH
10/07/01	Watkinson, John W.	Meredith, NH	Spielberg, Susan	Meredith, NH
10/07/01	Hayes, Brian J.	Weymouth, MA	Silva, Nicole D.	Weymouth, MA
10/12/01	Kehl, Dennis J.	Laconia, NH	Beaudoin, Denise L.	Laconia, NH
10/13/01	Wildes, Douglas T.	Sharon, MA	Wigton, Dawn A.	Sharon, MA
10/13/01	Geyer, Robert D.	Altamonte Springs, FL	Hardiman, Abbe E.	Altamonte Springs, FL
10/20/01	Jordan, Ryan E.	St.Petersburg, FL	Hegner, Karen A.	St.Petersburg, FL
10/20/01	Walters, Rick E.	Meredith, NH	Chadwick, Kim C.	Meredith, NH
10/27/01	Gaythorpe, John S.	Meredith, NH	Sauter, Linda L.	Meredith, NH
11/03/01	Kuntzsch, Dennis T.	Maynard, MA	Kallio, Sarah B.	Maynard, MA
11/03/01	Picard, David P.	Meredith, NH	Kalioras, Priscilla D.	Meredith, NH
11/13/01	Fontaine, Wesley R. Sr.	Meredith, NH	Fontaine, Victoria H.	Meredith, NH
11/15/01	Buffum, Thomas D.	Meredith, NH	George, Heather L.	Meredith, NH
11/30/01	Stein, Todd B.	Meredith, NH	Ruiz, Tatiana B.	Meredith, NH
12/01/01	Bolduc, Japheth E.	Meredith, NH	Miller, Carroll J.	Meredith, NH
12/30/01	Mulsow, Eric M.	Meredith, NH	Hemsley, Chelsea	Meredith, NH
12/31/01	Perry, Nicholas M.	Meredith, NH	Brown, Deena M.	Colora, MD

Town of Meredith ~ Deaths and Burials

Date	Age	Name	Where Died	Residency	Place of Burial
01/02/01	85	Curtis, Vera A.	Meredith, NH	Campton, NH	Blair Cemetery, Campton, NH
01/03/01	69	Fogg, Richard Q.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
01/04/01	85	Storer, Helen G.	Meredith, NH	Gilford, NH	Pine Grove Cemetery, Gilford, NH
01/10/01	86	Richards, Orilla M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
01/12/01	62	Reardon, Elizabeth M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	St. Joseph's Cemetery, Medway, MA
01/15/01	57	Kovacs, William J.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	NH State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH
01/15/01		Larsson, Emma P.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
01/15/01	76	Brickett, Chet	Escondido, CA	Meredith, NH	
01/19/01	84	Clark, Warren D.	Manchester, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
01/24/01	91	Abbott, Samuel L. Jr.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Cherry Hill Cemetery, Bethel, VT
01/26/01	91	Place, Mary L.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	South Dover Cemetery, Wingdale, NY
01/28/01	76	Smith, Cecil F.	Lebanon, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
01/28/01		Sandhaus, Sylvia	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
01/28/01	46	Sleeper, Martha J.	Laconia, NH	Center Harbor, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
01/29/01	53	Downing, Charles C.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Pine Grove Cemetery, Thornton, NH
01/31/01	87	Lampi, Reino A.	Tilton, NH	Meredith, NH	NH State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH
02/05/01	50	Gallagher, Glen D.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/12/01	63	Fagnant, Leon L.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
02/14/01	83	Dickson, Clement E.	Meredith, NH	Gilford, NH	Scared Heart Cemetery, Laconia, NH
02/18/01	86	Coggeshall, Rita P.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
02/22/01	82	Foote, Ozelina E.	Laconia, NH	New Hampton, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
02/23/01	71	Bourque, George L.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose, MA
02/27/01	92	Williams, Alice V.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Scared Heart Cemetery, Laconia, NH
03/03/01	59	Vachon, Paul E.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/04/01		Brace, Robert E.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
03/12/01	73	Tinsley, Josephine H.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Ware Church Cemetery, Gloucester, VA
03/12/01	86	Murtagh, Howard E.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/14/01	86	Longworth, Catherine E.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
03/20/01	83	Atteberry, Miriam P.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
03/22/01	76	Aubut, Marjorie M.	Laconia, NH		Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
04/07/01	90	Hunt, Elaine M.	Dover, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
04/12/01	90	Hanson, Folke H.	Meredith, NH	Gilford, NH	Loudon Ridge Cemetery, Loudon, NH
04/13/01	45	Despres, Louann	New Hampton, NH	Meredith, NH	Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland, NH
04/14/01	82	Varey, Flora F.	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	Bayside Cemetery, Laconia, NH
05/01/01	Infant	Waldron, Jade D.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/02/01	75	Boulton, Richard E.	Brentwood, NH	Deerfield, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/02/01	90	Kozel, Jennie M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	St. John's Cemetery, Tilton, NH
05/06/01	83	Spyker, Fred B.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Riverview Cemetery, South Royalton, VT
05/07/01	61	Thornton, Ronald R.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
05/10/01		Daigneau, Daura N.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
05/18/01	71	Pocock, Leon	Concord, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/18/01	92	Leighley, Madeline L.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
05/20/01	83	Larlee, Russell W.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Conway Village Cemetery, Conway, NH
05/25/01	76	Taber, Allison Y.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
05/29/01	83	Frost, Richard F.	Meredith, NH	Fremont, NH	East Cemetery, Hollis, NH
06/01/01	83	King, Lucille M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Pine Grove Cemetery, Thornton, NH
06/02/01	84	Common, Jean H.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Vittum Hill Cemetery, Sandwich, NH
06/03/01	85	Coburn, Everett R.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
06/05/01	80	Vaughn, Robert A.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Maple Grove Cemetery, Bangor, ME
06/10/01	82	Saulnier, Kathryn M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, NH
06/12/01	72	Lawton, Jeannette M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Scared Heart Cemetery, Laconia, NH

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Town of Meredith ~ Deaths and Burials continued...

Date	Age	Name	Where Died	Residency	Place of Burial
06/14/01	29	Mancini, Linda J.	Meredith, NH	Warwick, RI	StAnn's Cemetery, Cranston, RI
06/14/01	27	Susi, Frank Jr.	Meredith, NH	Johnston, RI	StAnn's Cemetery, Cranston, RI
06/14/01	71	Denison, Beverly M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Rural Cemetery, Center Sandwich, NH
06/20/01	91	Huckins, Everett H.	Meredith, NH	New Hampton, NH	Village Cemetery, New Hampton, NH
06/22/01	77	Rooney, Marie E.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Calvary Cemetery, Waltham, MA
06/22/01	88	Smith, Helen M.	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
06/26/01	71	Howe, Edith A.	Boscawen, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
06/26/01	83	Sergi, Angelo	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	St.Mary's Cemetery, Lawrence, MA
06/27/01	85	LaRusso, John C. Sr.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree, MA
06/28/01	37	Coan, Kelly Lee	Meredith, NH	Gilford, NH	St. Patrick'S Cemetery, Natick, MA
07/06/01	85	Brown, Calvin D.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	South Road Cemetery, Belmont, NH
07/15/01	74	Lamper, Lewis H. Sr.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/17/01	84	Read, Lewis D.	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	Park Cemetery, Tilton, NH
07/20/01	74	Perednia, Daniel A.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Highland Cemetery, Norwood, MA
07/24/01	101	Horne, Edith A.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
07/29/01	61	Smith, Archer F.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Loudon Center Cemetery, Loudon, NH
07/30/01	58	Whitney, Robert C.	Meredith, NH	Penacook, NH	Woodlawn Cemetery, Penacook, NH
08/05/01	69	Amabile, James M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/06/01	90	Prince, Olive	Meredith, NH	Center Harbor, NH	New Boston Cemetery, New Boston, NH
08/08/01	94	Burke, Kathleen M.	Ossipee, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/10/01	57	Dorney, Kenneth P.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
08/11/01	83	Wakeley, Frank H.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
08/13/01	87	Beller, Grace	Meredith, NH	New York, NY	
08/13/01	59	Brown, Richard M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Green Grove Cemetery, Ashland, NH
08/15/01	83	Badger, Dorothea E.	Meredith, NH	Winnisquam, NH	
08/15/01		Spead, Nathaniel J.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
08/15/01	95	Cote Sr, Edward P.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Blair Cemetery, Campton, NH
08/16/01	87	Campbell, Charles H.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Waterside Cemetery, Marblehead, MA
08/21/01	82	Lima, Laura L.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence, MA
08/24/01	74	Hawkins, Muriel M.	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	Bayside Cemetery, Laconia, NH
08/25/01	81	Chatel, Norman W.	Meredith, NH	Sandwich, NH	
08/28/01	66	Batchelder, Marilyn	Lebanon, NH	New Hampton, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
08/30/01		Alexa, Jean	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
09/04/01	40	Beauchemin, Tracy A.	Tilton, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
09/08/01	78	Valliere, Robert P.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Middle Neck Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH
09/11/01	85	Boyd, Dorothy I. Kimball	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
09/17/01	58	Carroll, George A.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
09/20/01		Graf, Marie C.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
09/20/01	73	Hughes, Mary E.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
09/26/01	71	Rouvalis, Charles P.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
09/29/01	49	Murphy, Richard E.	Concord, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
09/29/01	79	Jenkins, Charlotte C.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
10/06/01	93	Greenwood, Elsie F.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/07/01	83	MacArthur, Caroline I.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
10/12/01	84	Spear, Emma F.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/12/01	42	Schofield, Mark	Malden, MA	Malden, MA	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/13/01	4	Wakefield, Joshua D.	Tilton, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/13/01	2	Wakefield, Angelina M.	Tilton, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/17/01	75	Sheetz, Barbara M.	Concord, NH	Meredith, NH	
10/20/01	73	Tobyne, Max H.	Northampton, MA	Holderness, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
10/27/01	30	Porcell, Lucas S.	New York City, NY	Meredith, NH	
10/28/01	80	Noury, Francis A.	Franklin, NH	Meredith, NH	Pine Grove Cemetery, Gilford, NH
10/31/01	81	Cook, Everett R.	Meredith, NH	Laconia, NH	

Town of Meredith ~ Deaths and Burials continued...

Date	Age	Name	Where Died	Residency	Place of Burial
11/02/01	86	McLear, Pearl W.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, N Y
11/02/01	93	Breed, Vera M.	Ossipee, NH	Ossipee, NH	Oakland Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/05/01	90	Clifford, Roland E.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Middle Neck Cemetery, Moultonboro, NH
11/07/01	84	Ford, Clayton A.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Union Cemetery, Laconia, NH
11/08/01	80	Erskine, Harriet P.	Boston, MA		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/10/01	82	White, Donald A.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody, MA
11/14/01	72	Hughes, Mae Margaret	Laconia, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/16/01	89	Avery, Leona M.	Laconia, NH		Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/16/01	62	Harvey, Francis	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith, NH
11/16/01	88	Dustin, Robert G.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
11/18/01	93	Parsons, Geraldine	Revere, MA	Meredith, NH	
11/19/01	89	Carr, Muriel L.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Pleasant View Cemetery, Rumney, NH
11/26/01	92	Gawkoski, Susan F.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY
12/01/01	83	Berman, Peggy	Meredith, NH	Newton, MA	Newton Cemetery, Newton, MA
12/01/01	74	Smith, Nancy A.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Island Pond Cemetery, Ludlow, MA
12/09/01		Hingston, Florence M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/13/01	32	Vachon, Robert M. Jr.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith NH
12/15/01	96	Adams, Agnes M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Lake View Cemetery, Enfield, NH
12/17/01		Stevenson, Elsie M.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/18/01	80	Marceau, Majorie E.	Laconia, NH	Laconia, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith NH
12/19/01		Dalzell, Hugh M.	Laconia, NH	Meredith, NH	
12/24/01	89	Matheson, Emma L.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Meredith Village Cemetery, Meredith NH
12/26/01	95	Dwinnells, Doris I.	Meredith, NH	Meredith, NH	Union Cemetery, Amesbury, MA
12/31/01	88	Swanson, Mildred H.	Meredith, NH	Chelsea, MA	George Washington Memorial, Paramus, NJ



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Meredith has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Meredith as of December 31, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 6, 2001 on our consideration of the Town of Meredith's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Town of Meredith
Independent Auditor's Report

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Meredith. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

July 6, 2001

Kegny A. Colby, CPA

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Combined Balance Sheet ~ All Fund Types and Account Group

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account		Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fund Types Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)	
ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS							
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 3,580,208	\$ 582,648	\$ (179,278)	\$ 3,581,943		\$	7,565,521
Investments	2,308,802			192,122			2,500,924
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)							
Interest							
Taxes	746,322						746,322
Accounts	2,970	347,560		675,811			1,026,341
Special Assessments-Current	11,528						11,528
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	448,739						448,739
Other	103,130						103,130
Interfund Receivable		2,191	215,056				217,247
Intergovernmental Receivable							
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	52,813						52,813
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(52,813)						(52,813)
Prepaid Items							
<u>Other Debits</u>							
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt					4,025,005		4,025,005
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	\$ 7,201,699	\$ 932,399	\$ 35,778	\$ 4,449,876	\$ 4,025,005	\$	16,644,757

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt
Accounts Payable	\$ 31,485	\$ 7,846	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,331
Retainage Payable					-
Intergovernmental Payable	3,426,940		\$ (131,677)		3,295,263
Interfund Payable	2,191				2,191
Escrow & Performance Deposits	55,398			18,978	74,376
Deferred Revenue	197,276	35,289			232,565
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable				675,811	675,811
General Obligation Debt Payable				3,763,988	3,763,988
Capital Leases Payable					-
Compensated Absences Payable				261,017	261,017
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,713,291	\$ 43,135	\$ (131,677)	\$ 694,789	\$ 8,344,543

EQUITY

Fund Balances

Reserved for Endowments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserved for Encumbrances	844,945	44,938			889,883
Reserved for Special Purposes	122,989	183,110		3,755,087	4,061,187
Unreserved					
Designated for Special Purposes		661,215			661,215
Undesignated (Deficit)	2,520,474		167,455		2,687,929
TOTAL EQUITY	3,488,408	889,264	167,455	3,755,087	8,300,214
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 7,201,699	\$ 932,399	\$ 35,778	\$ 4,449,876	\$ 16,644,757

Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet

December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Cable Franchise Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
ASSETS							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 6,433	\$ 118,875	\$ -	\$ 54,816	\$ 109,485	\$ 293,041	\$ 582,648
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)							
Accounts Interfund Receivable			2,191	39,500	149,072	158,988	347,560
							2,191
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,433	\$ 118,875	\$ 2,191	\$ 94,316	\$ 258,556	\$ 452,029	\$ 932,399
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,960	\$ 2,886	\$ 7,846
Due to General Fund							
Deferred Revenue-Access Fees					9,733	25,556	35,289
TOTAL LIABILITIES					14,693	28,442	43,136
Equity							
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances					34,323	10,615	44,938
Reserved for Special Purposes					98,703	84,407	183,110
Unreserved							
Designated for Special Purposes	6,433	118,875	2,191	94,316	110,837	328,564	661,215
TOTAL EQUITY	6,433	118,875	2,191	94,316	243,863	423,587	889,263
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 6,433	\$ 118,875	\$ 2,191	\$ 94,316	\$ 258,556	\$ 452,029	\$ 932,399

Capital Project Funds

Combining Balance Sheet

December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

	Capital Equipment and Improvements	Athletic Fields and Tennis Court Prescott Park	Pleasant Street Road/ Water/Sewer Improvements	Plymouth St. Route 3 N. Water/Sewer Improvements	Landfill Closure	Neal Shore Betterment Sewer Project	Total
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 5,835	\$ (187,050)	\$ 107,791	\$ (131,677)	\$ (5,618)	\$ 31,441	\$ (179,278)
Interfund Receivable		\$ 203,485			\$ 11,572		215,056
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,835	\$ 16,434	\$ 107,791	\$ (131,677)	\$ 5,954	\$ 31,441	\$ 35,778

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

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<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to General Fund				(131,677)			\$ (131,677)
Retainage Payable							0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	-	(131,677)	-	-	(131,677)
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserve for Encumbrances							0
Reserve for Special Purposes							0
Unreserved							0
Undesignated (Deficit)	5,835	16,434	107,791		5,954	31,441	167,455
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	5,835	16,434	107,791	-	5,954	31,441	167,455
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,835	\$ 16,434	\$ 107,791	\$ (131,677)	\$ 5,954	\$ 31,441	\$ 35,777

Trust and Agency Funds Combining Balance Sheet

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001
(Unaudited)

ASSETS	Trust Funds					Totals
	Expendable		Nonexpendable		Agency Funds	
	Library	Capital	Others	Town		
		Reserve				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 7,415	\$ 613,554	\$ 2,925,103	\$ 16,893	\$ 18,978	\$ 3,581,943
Investments	112,869			79,253		192,122
Receivables						
Interest						
Accounts					675,811	675,811
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 120,284	\$ 613,554	\$ 2,925,103	\$ 96,146	\$ 694,789	\$ 4,449,876
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities						
Interfund Payable						
Escrow and Performance Deposits					18,978	18,978
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable					675,811	675,811
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-	694,789	694,789
Fund Balances						
Reserved For Endowments						
Reserved For Special Purposes	120,284	613,554	2,925,103	96,146		3,755,087
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	120,284	613,554	2,925,103	96,146		3,755,087
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 120,284	\$ 613,554	\$ 2,925,103	\$ 96,146	\$ 694,789	\$ 4,449,876

Agency Funds

Combining Statement of Changes in
Assets and Liabilities
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001
(Unaudited)

	Balance 1/1/01	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/01
Developers' Performance Bond Fund				
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 43,792	\$ 8,507	\$ 33,320	\$ 18,978
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 43,792	\$ 8,507	\$ 33,320	\$ 18,978
ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan				
<u>Assets</u>				
Due From Others	\$ 725,772	\$ 23,158	\$ 73,118	\$ 675,811
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 725,772	\$ 23,158	\$ 73,118	\$ 675,811
TOTAL - ALL AGENCY FUNDS				
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 43,792	\$ 8,507	\$ 33,320	\$ 18,978
Due From Others	725,772	23,158	73,118	675,811
Total Assets	\$ 769,563	\$ 31,665	\$ 106,439	\$ 694,789
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	43,792	8,507	33,320	18,978
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	725,772	23,158	73,118	675,811
Total Liabilities	\$ 769,563	\$ 31,665	\$ 106,439	\$ 694,789

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001
(Unaudited)

NONEXPENDABLE TRUSTS	Principal			Income			Total Principal & Income
	Beginning Balance 1/1/01	New Funds	Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance 12/31/01	Beginning Balance 1/1/01	Income Expense	
PURPOSE							
WWII Memorial	\$ 355		(2)	\$ 353	\$ 1,592	\$ (6)	\$ 1,586
Oakland Cemetery	4,184		(25)	4,159	2,138	(72)	3,987
Outlying Cemeteries	10,441		(62)	10,379	12,693	(180)	10,199
Town Cemetery	18,598		(111)	18,487	10,037	(321)	17,866
Ebon S. Roberts	301		(2)	299	104	(5)	294
Edwin E. Beede	105,641		(629)	105,012	1,836	(7,523)	98,315
Samuel W. Rollins	4,501		(27)	4,475	1,797	(78)	4,397
J. Bennett/E. Swain	693		(4)	689	241	(12)	677
William E. Bixby	151		(1)	150	52	(3)	147
Hattie R. Erskine	107		(1)	106	120	(2)	124
George S. Fogg	1,543		(9)	1,534	949	(27)	1,456
Town Cemetery	2,927		(17)	2,909	2,846	(51)	2,804
Caroline M. Swift	453		(3)	450	152	(8)	442
J. Beede Cemetery	6,871		(41)	6,830	2,244	(119)	6,955
Total	\$ 156,766	\$ -	\$ (933)	\$ 155,833	\$ 36,801	\$ (8,406)	\$ 143,228

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PURPOSE	Principal			Income			Total Principal & Income
		Beginning Balance 1/1/01	New Funds	Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance 12/31/01	Beginning Balance 1/1/01	Income Expense	
Cemetery Maint. Library	Maintenance	\$ 15,515	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,515	\$ 730	\$ 648	\$ 16,893
Employee Benefits	Maintenance	4,812	-	-	4,812	2,402	201	7,415
Landfill Closure	Severance	62,106	25,000	(15,183)	71,922	3,247	2,607	77,777
Sand/Salt Storage	Landfill Closure	727,971	-	(34,669)	693,302	62,056	30,348	785,706
Municipal Building	Construct Building	(18,760)	-	-	(18,760)	35,212	-	16,451
Solid Waste	Additional Space	250,182	50,000	-	300,182	25,036	10,517	335,736
Fire Department	Replace Trailer	45,900	40,000	-	85,900	3,261	1,973	91,134
Fire Department	Communications	18,124	-	(15,984)	2,141	1,868	734	4,743
Municipal Technology	Replace Vehicle	264	290,000	-	290,264	3,110	6,069	299,442
Open Space/Conservation	Software Upgrade	35,000	75,000	(30,000)	80,000	248	3,480	83,728
Boardwalk Renovations	Conservation	-	25,000	-	25,000	-	35	25,035
Community Center	Replace Boardwalk	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	71	50,071
Downtown Parking	Community Center	50,000	102,053	-	152,053	354	2,248	154,655
Ruth S. Briggs	Additional Space	150,002	200,000	-	350,002	4,146	6,546	360,694
	Total Town Expendable Trusts:	1,341,116	857,053	-	2,102,333	141,670	65,476	2,309,479
		26,500			26,500	2,323	1,055	26,378
Total All Expendable Trusts:		\$ 1,367,616	\$ 857,053	\$ -	\$ 2,128,833	\$ 143,993	\$ (3,500)	\$ 2,335,857

CAPITAL RESERVES		Principal			Income			Total Principal & Income
		Beginning Balance 1/1/01	New Funds	Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance 12/31/01	Beginning Balance 1/1/01	Income Expense	
Fire Truck		\$ 2,135		\$ 140,000	\$ 2,135	\$ 244	\$ 1,995	\$ 4,374
Police		8,414			8,414	2,188	466	11,067
Water Department		26,428			26,428	3,023	1,294	30,745
Prescott Park Expansion		343,816	360,000		536,231	10,649	15,636	562,517
Total Town Capital Reserves:		380,793	360,000		573,208	16,104	19,391	608,703
Interlakes School District		4,170			4,170	477	204	4,851
Total All Capital Reserves:		\$ 384,962	\$ 360,000	\$ -	\$ 577,378	\$ 16,581	\$ -	\$ 613,554

Comparative Statement of Revenues

General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001
(Unaudited)

	Estimated	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 14,549,994	\$ 14,556,127	\$ 6,133
Yield	10,000	33,577	23,577
Boat	35,000	40,393	5,393
Current Land Use Change Tax	-	8,600	8,600
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	116,750	100,867	(15,883)
Total Taxes	<u>14,711,744</u>	<u>14,739,563</u>	<u>27,819</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	900,000	1,014,958	114,958
Building Permits	20,000	23,071	3,071
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	41,500	49,529	8,029
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>961,500</u>	<u>1,087,558</u>	<u>126,058</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State/Federal			
Highway Block Grant	154,475	154,475	-
Shared Revenue	31,493	47,900	16,407
Rooms & Meals Tax	154,858	154,858	-
Water Pollution Grants	24,645	-	(24,645)
Filtration Grant	-	-	-
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	411	411	-
FEMA - Federal and State - Flood	-	-	-
Other State/Federal Revenue	780	65,693	64,913
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>366,662</u>	<u>423,336</u>	<u>56,675</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	<u>458,137</u>	<u>539,221</u>	<u>81,084</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	5,000	57,237	52,237
Interest on Investments	175,000	225,270	50,270
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	65,000	87,269	22,269
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>245,000</u>	<u>369,774</u>	<u>124,775</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	212,953	212,953	-
Trust Funds	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>212,953</u>	<u>212,953</u>	<u>-</u>
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	<u>1,050,000</u>	<u>1,050,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 18,005,997</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,422,406</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 416,411</u></u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures ~ General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001
(Unaudited)

	2000 Encumbered	2001 Appropriation	2001 Expended	2002 Encumbered	Balance (Overdrafts)
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive Office	\$ -	\$ 138,063	\$ 126,842	\$ 10,250	\$ 971
Executive - Municipal Administration	186,097	408,782	336,381	276,073	(17,574)
Personnel Administration		851,009	791,821	32,038	27,150
Town Clerk		93,522	86,408		7,114
Finance Department		175,539	175,789	2,685	(2,935)
Assessor	28,500	92,332	77,810	4,780	38,242
Tax Collector		46,572	45,596		976
Planning and Zoning	3,600	215,586	179,939	5,298	33,950
Regional Associations		45,160	45,160		-
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police	2,155	849,583	805,435	3,598	42,704
Ambulance		204,750	204,612		138
Fire	22,576	167,495	114,373	60,760	14,938
<u>Public Works</u>					
Solid Waste Disposal		619,979	624,398	7,900	(12,319)
Building & Grounds	5,100	127,431	93,877	2,020	36,634
Highway Department	252,385	1,456,423	1,372,601	233,520	102,686
Cemetery		54,295	49,912		4,383
<u>Water Distribution</u>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		-
<u>Health</u>					
Health Agencies	-	130,263	130,263		-
<u>Welfare</u>					
Direct Assistance		25,400	13,099		12,301
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation		163,953	155,281	3,622	5,050
Library	5,995	330,170	320,053	2,400	13,712
<u>Economic Development</u>					
Economic Development		22,000	18,500		3,500
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		389,386	373,821	145,000	(129,435)
Interest - Long-Term Debt		256,756	197,915	55,000	3,841
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000	-		10,000
<u>Intergovernmental</u>					
School Appropriation		8,126,940	8,126,940		-
County Appropriation		1,546,877	1,546,877		-
<u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u>					
Conservation Commission		3,670	5,758		(2,088)
Expendable Trust Funds		1,020,000	1,020,000		
<u>Total Appropriations,</u>					
<u>Expenditures, and Encumbrances</u>	<u>\$ 506,408</u>	<u>\$ 17,640,936</u>	<u>\$ 17,108,462</u>	<u>\$ 844,945</u>	<u>\$ 193,937</u>

Statement of Changes in Unreserved ~ Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001
(Unaudited)

Fiscal Year 2001

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$ 2,960,126
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2001 Tax Rate	(1,050,000)
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Subtotal	\$ 1,910,126
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Additions

2001 Budget Summary

Revenue Surplus (page 68) (Unaudited)	\$ 416,411
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Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (page 69) (Unaudited)	193,937
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2001 Budget Surplus	610,348
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>\$ 2,520,474</u>
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Fiscal Year 2002 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2002 (Unaudited)</u>	\$ 2,520,474
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2002 Tax Rate	(1,050,000)
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Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2002 (Unaudited)</u>	<u>\$ 1,470,474</u>
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Long-Term Indebtedness

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2001 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/01
General Obligation Debt Payable					
1988 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 603,200	1988	2008	5.750%	\$ 273,107
1989 Library Improvement Bonds	\$ 750,000	1989	2008	5.750%	\$ 373,682
1988 Water System Improvement Bonds	\$ 2,000,000	1988	2016	5.750%	\$ 1,459,264
1994 Sewer Extension Bonds	\$ 229,000	1994	2014	4.500%	\$ 150,555
1998 Westbury Road Sewer Bonds	\$ 55,000	1998	2013	4.500%	\$ 49,401
1998 Wagon Wheel Sewer Bonds	\$ 211,874	1998	2013	5.370%	\$ 162,437
1999 Pleasant Street Sewer Bond	\$ 1,400,000	1999	2014	4.750%	\$ 1,095,542
2001 Neal Shore Sewer Bond	\$ 200,000	2001	2011	4.750%	\$ 200,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2001					<u>\$ 3,763,988</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2002	\$ 267,530	\$ 197,760	\$ 465,290
2003	276,061	182,872	\$ 458,933
2004	285,083	168,177	\$ 453,260
2005	294,623	152,905	\$ 447,528
2006-2019	2,640,691	758,805	\$ 3,399,496
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 3,763,988</u>	<u>\$ 1,460,520</u>	<u>\$ 5,224,508</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	<u>\$ 261,017</u>
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Treasurer's Account Summary

For the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

General Fund - Operating

Balance 12/31/2000	\$	4,200,720.20	
Receipts & Transfers		36,497,061.94	
Expenditures & Transfers		(36,863,535.78)	
Balance 12/31/2001			3,834,246.36

General Fund - Investments

Balance 12/31/2000		2,000,000.00	
Receipts & Transfers		308,716.10	
Expenditures & Transfers		-	
Balance 12/31/2001			2,308,716.10

Water Department

Balance 12/31/2000		320,610.07	
Receipts & Transfers		226,930.17	
Expenditures		(438,055.61)	
Balance 12/31/2001			109,484.63

Sewer Department

Balance 12/31/2000		177,967.80	
Receipts & Transfers		570,590.88	
Expenditures		(455,517.91)	
Balance 12/31/2001			293,040.77

Community Park

Balance 12/31/2000		1,405.82	
Receipts & Transfers		944.90	
Expenditures		(55.00)	
Balance 12/31/2001			2,295.72

Community Center

Balance 12/31/2000		2,050.51	
Receipts & Transfers		2.54	
Expenditures		(2,053.05)	
Balance 12/31/2001			-

Conservation Commission

Balance 12/31/2000		104,632.59	
Receipts & Transfers		19,950.00	
Expenditures		(5,708.06)	
Balance 12/31/2001			118,874.53

Sand & Salt Building

Balance 12/31/2000		(14,891.47)	
Receipts & Transfers		14,891.47	
Expenditures			
Balance 12/31/2001			-

Pleasant Street

Balance 12/31/2000		107,790.50	
Receipts & Transfers		-	
Expenditures			
Balance 12/31/2001			107,790.50

Municipal Improvements

Balance 12/31/2000		6,195.70	
Receipts & Transfers		-	
Expenditures		(361.00)	
Balance 12/31/2001			5,834.70

Treasurer's Account Summary

For the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

Prescott Park

Balance 12/31/2000	\$	(10,606.83)	
Receipts & Transfers		191,854.29	
Expenditures		(368,297.86)	
Balance 12/31/2001			(187,050.40)

Landfill Closure

Balance 12/31/2000	\$	(23,823.44)	
Receipts & Transfers		34,669.23	
Expenditures		(16,463.29)	
Balance 12/31/2001			(5,617.50)

Plymouth Street/Route 3 North

Balance 12/31/2000		-	
Receipts & Transfers		-	
Expenditures		(131,677.11)	
Balance 12/31/2001			(131,677.11)

Engineering Funds/Retainage

Balance 12/31/2000		43,791.76	
Receipts & Transfers		8,506.92	
Expenditures		(33,320.36)	
Balance 12/31/2001			18,978.32

Balance All Funds 12/31/2001

\$ 6,474,916.62

Proof of Balance

Citizens Bank

Operating Account	\$	1,008,475.21	
Outstanding Checks		(767,493.55)	
Reconciled Balance			240,981.66

Meredith Village Savings Bank

Payroll Account		5,779.02	
Outstanding Checks		(3,528.65)	
Reconciled Balance			2,250.37
Engineering Account		18,978.32	
Outstanding Checks		-	
Reconciled Balance			18,978.32
Reconciled Balance			2,295.72

Municipal Money Market Account			3,901,206.31
Certificate of Deposit			300,788.50
Certificate of Deposit			271,273.57
Certificate of Deposit			1,736,526.23

Baby Bicentennial Account #1		42.97	
Baby Bicentennial Account #2		42.97	
Reconciled Balance			85.94

Cash on Hand		530.00	
			530.00

Reconciled Balance 12/31/2001

\$ 6,474,916.62

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Warrants

1-1-01 to 12-31-01

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-01		
Property Taxes		\$ 635,853.19
Betterment Assessments		12,854.42
Land Use Change Tax		1,523.59
Yield Taxes		1,775.07
Water Rents		63,114.00
Sewer Rents		138,359.43
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	14,556,127.37	
Betterment Assessments	38,808.27	
Land Use Change Tax	21,530.00	
Yield Taxes	33,934.21	
Water Rents	282,674.86	
Sewer Rents	560,075.21	
Overpayments		
Property Taxes	16,965.45	4,874.13
Yield Taxes	202.16	
Water Rents	4.38	-
Sewer Rents	5.40	-
Interest Collected		
Property Taxes	10,509.78	24,221.54
Betterment Assessments	5.00	282.19
Yield Taxes	-	231.10
Land Use Change Tax	53.16	89.41
Water Rents	236.88	1,049.32
Sewer Rents	444.81	2,152.41
Total Debits	\$ 15,521,576.94	\$ 886,379.80
<u>Credits</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 13,796,851.61	\$ 640,727.32
Betterment Assessments	29,137.63	12,854.42
Land Use Change Tax	21,530.00	1,523.59
Yield Taxes	31,921.13	1,775.07
Water Rents	206,201.03	63,080.42
Sewer Rents	417,441.02	137,568.92
Interest	11,249.63	28,025.97
Abatements		
Property Taxes	4,844.05	
Yield Taxes	357.64	
Water Rents	4,024.12	33.58
Sewer Rents	9,207.58	790.51
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-01		
Property Taxes	771,397.16	-
Betterment Assessments	9,670.64	-
Land Use Change Tax	-	-
Yield Taxes	1,857.60	-
Water Rents	72,454.09	-
Sewer Rents	133,432.01	-
Total Credits	\$ 15,521,576.94	\$ 886,379.80

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Lien

1-1-01 to 12-31-01

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Uncollected Liens 1-1-01		\$ 152,637.44	\$ 84,212.84	\$ 12,131.17
Liens Executed During 2001	\$ 327,723.93			
Interest after Lien	8,346.57	15,965.69	26,013.40	1,532.07
Redemption Costs	1,425.75	667.75	1,258.75	77.00
Total Debits	\$ 337,496.25	\$ 169,270.88	\$ 111,484.99	\$ 13,740.24
<u>Credits</u>				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 163,078.81	\$ 69,395.05	\$ 70,287.46	\$ 3,861.85
Interest & Costs	9,772.32	16,633.44	27,272.15	1,609.07
Abatements	305.95			
Deeded to Town	3,098.37	3,735.09	3,671.29	2,021.41
Uncollected Liens 12-31-01	161,240.80	79,507.30	10,254.09	6,247.91
Total Credits	\$ 337,496.25	\$ 169,270.88	\$ 111,484.99	\$ 13,740.24

Tax Collector's Summary

2001 was another busy tax year in Meredith. The economists may say we are in a recession, but Meredith is holding its own. The percentage of collections at the end of 2001 was 94.7%, slightly lower than in 2000. The greatest concerns expressed by taxpayers were the increase in the tax rate and the fact that Meredith became a donor town for State education. Below is a comparison of the 2000 and 2001 tax rates which shows the increase and percentage change.

Taxing Entity	2000 Rate	2001 Rate	Increase	% Change
Municipal	\$6.89	\$6.99	\$0.10	1.5%
School (local)	\$4.30	\$5.47	\$1.17	27.2%
School (statewide)	\$5.87	\$6.09	\$0.22	3.7%
County	<u>\$1.93</u>	<u>\$2.18</u>	<u>\$0.25</u>	<u>13.0%</u>
Total Rate and Change	\$18.99	\$20.73	\$1.74	9.2%

Although Meredith became a donor town in 2001, most of the tax collected under the statewide school tax remained in Meredith. Only 1.26% of the total property tax warrant was sent to the State. If you have concerns regarding the tax rate, please attend the Town and School meetings in March.

After April 1st, the Town accepts payments towards the 2001 property taxes. If you are delinquent in your tax payments, please contact Valerie (Vikki) Fogg, the Deputy Tax Collector, to make payment arrangements. Partial payments towards delinquent taxes reduce the amount of interest due and the burden to the taxpayer. You may wish to contact your mortgage holder and ask them about starting a tax escrow account.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Valerie (Vikki) Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

2001 Tax Rate Calculation Town of Meredith

2001 Tax Rates
per \$1,000
Valuation

Appropriations	\$ 10,000,126		
Less: Revenues	5,489,009		
Less: Shared Revenues	36,312		
Add: Overlay	404,733		
War Service Credits	<u>63,050</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		4,942,588	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$ <u>6.99</u>

Due to Regional School	7,943,326		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	-		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>4,083,179</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		3,860,147	
State Education Taxes			\$ 5.47
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X	6.60		
	646,483,775	4,266,793	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (No Utilities)			<u>\$ 6.09</u>
	700,762,925		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
School Tax Rate			\$ <u>11.56</u>

Due to County	1,546,877		
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>8,881</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		1,537,996	
County Tax Rate			\$ <u>2.18</u>

Combined Tax Rate			<u>\$ 20.73</u>
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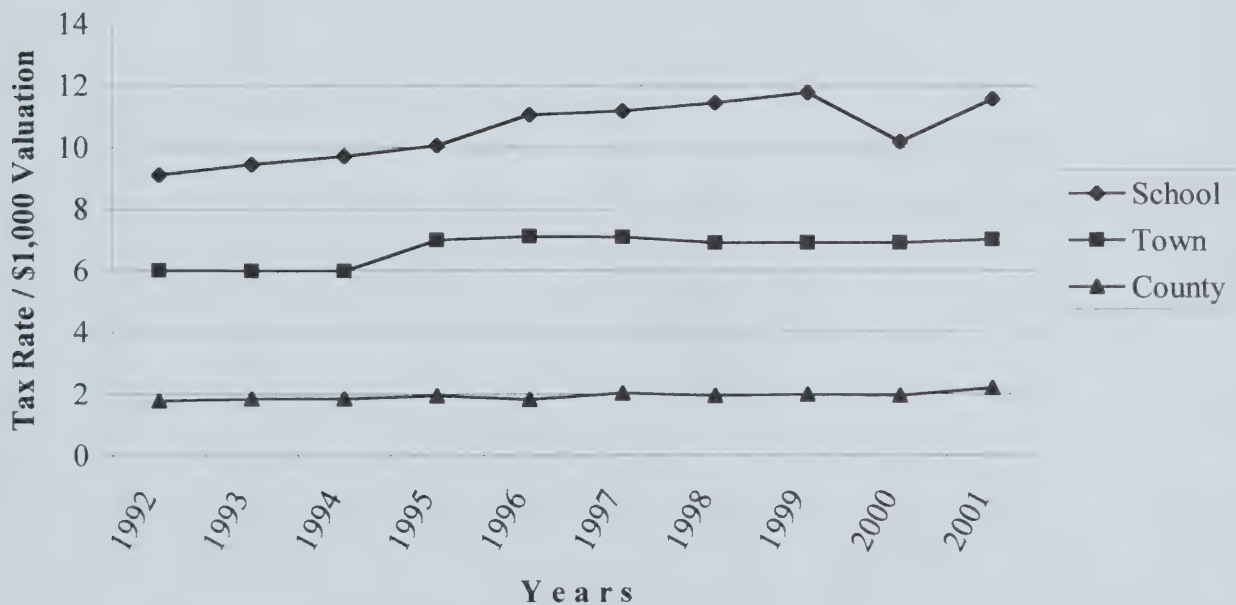
Total Property Taxes Assessed	14,607,524	
Less: War Service Credits	<u>63,050</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment	<u>\$ 14,544,474</u>	

		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 706,275,825	14.64	\$ 10,340,731
State Education Taxes	\$ 700,762,925	6.09	<u>\$ 4,266,793</u>
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 14,607,524</u>

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison Town of Meredith

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
1992	9.09	6.00	1.77	16.86	586,488,392
1993	9.42	5.99	1.83	17.24	588,980,029
1994	9.69	5.99	1.83	17.51	591,943,189
1995	10.05	6.97	1.93	18.95	593,993,263
1996	11.05	7.10	1.81	19.96	575,967,000
1997	11.18	7.09	2.02	20.29	579,931,823
1998	11.44	6.89	1.94	20.27	589,261,949
1999	11.77	6.89	1.98	20.64	600,781,506
2000	10.17	6.89	1.93	18.99	692,241,498
2001	11.56	6.99	2.18	20.73	706,275,825

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary of Town Owned Property

Map & Lot	Location	Valuation
I02-021	Bear Island - Town Dock/Mail House	64,800
I07-006	Bear Island - Vacant Land	54,300
R08-014	Meredith Center Road - Childs Park	19,100
R08-015	Meredith Center Road - Childs Park	16,200
R08-047	Meredith Center Road - Vacant Land	14,500
R08-048	Meredith Center Road - Fire Station	180,900
R13-005	Lake Wicwas - Peninsula - Conservation Land	157,400
R13-006	Lake Wicwas - Island - Conservation Land	22,300
R13-007	Lake Wicwas - Island - Conservation Land	21,800
R14-001	Wicwood Shores Road - Hamlin Forest	386,900
R14-028	Chemung Road - Hamlin Forest	56,700
R14-029	Chemung Road - Wicwas Beach/Boat Ramp	69,500
R17-016	Chemung and Camp Waldron - Vacant Land	16,400
R17-035	Chemung and Old Stanton Road - Vacant Land	19,600
R17-036	Chemung Road - Vacant Land	22,300
R22-002	Tucker Mountain Road - Formerly Edgerly Schoolhouse	6,000
R22-007	Tucker Mountain Road - Town Forest	29,100
R22-013	Nedeau Road - Town Forest	46,700
R31-020	Carleton Road - Old Poor Farm - Town Forest	86,400
R32-001	Hermit Woods Road - Town Forest	38,300
R35-003	Pinnacle Ridge & Edgerly School Roads	12,500
S02-005	Beattie and Old Center Harbor Roads - Conservation Land	28,700
S15-008	Jenness Hill Road - Public Works	556,700
S15-057	Boynton Road - Back Land	4,100
S18-055	Tracy Way - Part of Right of Way	14,300
S18-056	Tracy Way	15,900
S22-020	Parade Road - Waukegan Highlands Community Park	36,700
S22-022	Parade Road - Waukegan Highlands Community Park	203,400
S22-027	Tracy Way - Vacant Land	7,600
S23-021	Reservoir Road - Pumping Station	18,800
S23-051	Foundry Avenue/NH Route 104 - Green Belt	8,800
U01-01A	Neal Shore Road - Vacant Land	21,800
U01-034	Neal Shore Road - Right of Way	2,000
U03-028A	Waukegan Street - Bath House	18,500
U03-030	Waukegan Street - Waukegan Beach	179,300
U04-025	Waukegan Street - Monkey Pond	1,400
U05-01A	Waukegan Street - Water Department	15,400
U05-01B	Waukegan Street - Water Department	122,300

Summary of Town Owned Property continued...

Map & Lot	Location	Valuation
U05-002	Waukewan Street - Waukewan Park - Boat Ramp	119,500
U06-031	Waukewan Avenue - Swazey Park	126,300
U06-037	High Street - Parking Lot	35,700
U06-038	High Street - Parking Lot	38,000
U06-059	Main Street - Library	489,900
U06-060	Main Street - Community Park	56,400
U06-063	Water Street - Parking Lot	35,400
U06-112	Daniel Webster Highway - Fire Station	399,000
U06-117C	Lang Street - Swazey Cemetery	100
U06-145	Daniel Webster Highway - Town Docks	304,900
U07-044	Main Street - Municipal Building	231,000
U07-086A	Daniel Webster Highway - Water Line - Right of Way	600
U07-107	Daniel Webster Highway - Pumping Station	68,200
U07-108	Daniel Webster Highway - Parking Lot	81,100
U07-121	NH Route 25 - Scenic Park	256,600
U07-123	NH Route 25 - Scenic Park	117,900
U07-126	Daniel Webster Highway - Hesky Park Boat Ramp	270,200
U07-127	Daniel Webster Highway - Hesky Park	373,200
U10-017	Philbrook Avenue - Pumping Station	10,700
U10-031	Daniel Webster Highway - Prescott Park	231,900
U10-033	Daniel Webster Highway - Prescott Park	36,100
U10-034	Daniel Webster Highway - Police Station	289,300
U10-035	Daniel Webster Highway - Vacant Land	46,400
U11-050A	Greenmore Road - Vacant Land	22,200
U11-067	Kelly Lane - Fire Pond	4,300
U11-071	Boynton Road - Meredith Village Cemetery	111,500
U12-004	Philbrook Avenue - Vacant Land	12,600
U12-015	Near Jenness Hill Road - Vacant Land	179,600
U14-001	Daniel Webster Highway - Waste Treatment Plant	51,900
U15-014A	NH Route 25 - Back Land	17,500
U15-019A	Pleasant Street - Clough Park	226,600
U15-027	Morrison Avenue - Cul-De-Sac	2,000
U33-015A	Cattle Landing Road - Parking Lot	43,500
U33-025	Cattle Landing Road - Town Docks	197,200
U35-010	Love Joy Sands Road - Parking and Town Dock	134,000
U39-058	Leavitt Park Road - Leavitt Park	637,500

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Summary Inventory of Valuation ~ All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$ 1,104,175
Residential	298,429,000
Commercial/Industrial	<u>22,729,400</u>

Total Value of Land 322,262,575

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	317,448,200
Manufactured Housing	6,152,500
Commercial/Industrial	<u>57,001,500</u>

Total Value of Buildings 380,602,200

Public Utilities

Electric	<u>\$ 5,512,900</u>
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions 708,377,675

Exemptions

Blind	68,250
Elderly	1,780,000
Totally & Permanently Disabled	229,000
Solar/Windpower	<u>24,600</u>

Total Exemptions 2,101,850

Net Taxable Valuation \$ 706,275,825

2002 Meredith Town Warrant

State of New Hampshire

TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at St. Charles Auditorium, 281 Daniel Webster Highway, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next, March 12, 2002, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots; and at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on the following articles:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years
One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years
One (1) Town Moderator for (2) years
One (1) Town Treasurer for (3) years
One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for two (2) years
One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for six (6) years
Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years
One (1) Library Trustee for two (2) years

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with Impact Fees?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposed amendment authorizes the Planning Board, as a condition of subdivision or site plan approval, to require a developer to pay reasonable fees or exactions for off-site improvements occasioned by the proposed development.

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with amendments to the Flood Plain Development Ordinance?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposed amendments are a series of editorial and housekeeping recommendations made in conjunction with the National Flood Insurance Program and the New Hampshire Office of State Planning. The proposal also includes an appeals section with variance standards and notification requirements.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with agricultural-related uses?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposed amendment defines the terms "Farms", "Agriculture and Farming", and "Farm Stand". Additionally, the amendment establishes "Agriculture and Farming" and "Farm Stand" as permitted uses in the following districts: Forestry/Conservation (FC), Forestry/Rural (FR), Meredith Neck (MN), and Commercial-Route 3 South (CS).

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ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance having to do with expansion of non-conforming structures?

Purpose of the Amendment: The proposed amendment (1) establishes methodology for the determination of limits on the expandability of non-conforming structures, (2) establishes limits on the expandability of non-conforming structures allowed by Special Exception, (3) establishes a 25' waterfront "Natural Woodland Buffer" within which the expansion of non-conforming structures is allowed only by variance, and (4) makes editorial and organization changes to existing provisions.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to (i) raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) for the purpose of providing a neighborhood betterment assessment loan for Municipal sewer extension at East Bluff Village, said appropriations to be inclusive of contributions from other sources; (ii) to authorize the issuance of serial bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, of the said appropriation, provided, however, that the total amount of bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of such grants-in-aid, or contributions from other sources; (iii) to authorize the Town Treasurer to make temporary borrowings, in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds or notes; and (iv) to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the method and manner of sale of such bonds, notes and temporary borrowings, as shall be in the best interest of the Town, including the authority to enter into a Tax Regulatory Agreement containing such representations and covenants as are necessary to maintain such notes and temporary borrowings; to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and accept any contributions in aid of the project and to expend the appropriation in accordance herewith.

**(Passage requires affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to adopt New Hampshire RSA 162-K, allowing the Town Meeting to establish Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts. Such districts allow public infrastructure improvements to be built or improved and any debt repaid by future tax increments within the proposed district; each proposed district shall have a development program and a tax increment financing plan prior to a future Town Meeting vote to approve a particular district.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Cygnet Shores Pump Station Fund for the purpose of renovating and replacing the sewer pump station located at Cygnet Shores on Pleasant Street, and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

**Funding is already appropriated within the operation budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen.**

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ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Property Assessment Maintenance Fund for the purpose of reviewing, updating, revaluing or otherwise maintaining property assessments and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) toward this purpose and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operation budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of State Aid Reconstruction Program – 2 to 1 match for improvements to various roads under the State Aid Reconstruction Program, provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00).

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Employee Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Open Space/Conservation Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Downtown Parking Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

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ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Boardwalk Improvements Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the Community Center Fund previously established. The Selectmen as agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund previously established. The Selectmen are agents to expend.

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.
Recommended by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of funds from the Pleasant Street Water/Sewer Project to the Plymouth Street/Route 3 North Water/Sewer Project in the amount of One Hundred Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$107,790.50) which is the unexpended balance of the Pleasant Street Water/Sewer Project.

(Passage required affirmative vote of two-thirds present and voting.)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be utilized by the CORE Group and be willing to support the Core Program for a period of three (3) years.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$139,000) to purchase land owned by F&L Development, LLC being Tax Map U7, Lot 88, located between Route 3 North and Plymouth Street, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell such parcel in the future if deemed in the best interest of the Town for redevelopment or enhancement of Route 3 North.

Funding is already appropriated with in the operation budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) as pledged in support of the Meredith Main Street Program.

(Request for article petitioned by 25 or more legal voters.)

Funding is already appropriated within the operating budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectman

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Million, Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand, One Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$9,829,159) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen
Meredith, New Hampshire

Stephen H. Nedeau

Chairman

Robert C. Flanders

Selectman

James F. Hughes

Selectman

2002 Meredith Budget

	2001 Estimated	2001 Actual	2002 Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 10,000	\$ 33,577	\$ 10,000
Boat	35,000	40,393	30,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	116,750	100,867	64,650
Total Taxes	161,750	174,836	104,650
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	900,000	1,014,958	900,000
Building Permits	20,000	23,071	20,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	41,500	49,529	44,750
Total Licenses and Permits	961,500	1,087,558	964,750
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Highway Block Grant	31,493	47,900	31,493
Shared Revenue	154,475	154,475	154,475
Rooms & Meals Tax	154,858	154,858	154,858
Water Pollution Grants	24,645	-	-
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	411	411	411
Other State/Federal Revenue	780	65,693	780
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	366,662	423,337	342,017
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	458,137	539,221	467,250
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	5,000	57,237	5,000
Interest on Investments	175,000	225,270	175,000
Insurance & Betterment Assessments	65,000	89,865	65,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	245,000	372,372	245,000
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Special Revenue Fund	212,953	221,453	221,453
State & Federal Grants & Loans			700,000
Library Trust Funds			85,000
Total Other Financing Sources	212,953	221,453	1,006,453
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	2,406,002	2,818,777	3,130,120
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,050,000
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 3,456,002	\$ 3,868,777	\$ 4,180,120
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	504,031	484,789	532,491
Water	320,041	309,278	347,061
Grand Total All Funds	<u>\$ 4,280,074</u>	<u>\$ 4,662,844</u>	<u>\$ 5,059,672</u>

2002 Meredith Budget

	2001	2001	2002
	Appropriations	Expended	Recommended Appropriations
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 138,063	\$ 137,092	\$ 147,267
Executive - Municipal Administration	499,782	475,438	657,745
Public Health	204,750	204,612	204,750
Personnel Administration	851,009	791,821	917,007
Town Clerk	93,522	86,408	98,612
Finance Department	175,539	178,474	183,915
General Assistance	25,400	13,099	25,250
Assessor's Office	92,332	82,590	88,164
Tax Collector's Office	46,572	45,596	50,197
Planning & Zoning Office	215,586	185,236	203,287
Regional Association	45,660	45,660	48,274
Health Agencies	129,763	129,763	130,510
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	849,583	809,034	926,693
Fire	167,495	167,133	194,859
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	619,979	632,298	674,959
Building & Grounds	127,431	97,287	116,527
Highway Department	1,456,423	1,423,878	1,498,160
Cemetery	54,295	49,912	58,533
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	163,953	156,815	189,049
Library	330,170	313,292	436,638
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	389,386	518,821	412,530
Interest - Long-Term Debt	256,756	252,915	252,761
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000	-	10,000
<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>	1,020,000	1,020,000	715,000
Total General Fund	\$ 7,963,449	\$ 7,817,174	\$ 8,240,687
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	3,670	5,758	8,920
<u>Water Fund</u>	326,038	430,768	347,061
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	506,969	461,104	532,491
<u>Plymouth Street/Route 3 North</u>	-	-	700,000
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 8,800,126	\$ 8,714,804	\$ 9,829,159
Encumbrances	506,408	501,320	844,945
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 9,306,534	\$ 9,216,124	\$ 10,674,104
<u>Warrant Articles Not In Operating Budget</u>			
Article #6 - East Bluff Village Betterment Assessment			130,000
Article #20 - CORE Program			2,500
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$ 9,306,534	\$ 9,216,124	\$ 10,806,604

2002 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2002 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$9,829,159
Less: 2002 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(\$5,059,672)
Less: Shared Revenues - Town Portion	(\$36,312)
Add: Proposed Overlay	\$175,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	<u>\$63,050</u>
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u><u>\$4,971,225</u></u>
2002 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only)	\$7.09
Compared to 2001 Tax Rate of \$6.99 (Municipal Portion Only)	

Non-Operating Warrant Article with Potential Tax Impact

Article #20: \$ 2,500 - CORE Group Program

This Article will allow the Town to contribute to the Drug and Alcohol Program known as CORE. If this Article is passed, \$ 2,500 would be added to the Municipal Budget for the year 2002, and consideration of future support.

Tax Impact: \$.0036 per \$1,000 valuation for 2002

Non-Operating Warrant Article with No Tax Impact

Article #6: \$130,000 - East Bluff Village Betterment Assessment

The Bonding authority will allow the Town to apply for State Grants and Loans for the project. The remaining balance will be funded through a neighborhood betterment assessment.

Meetings of Town Boards and Committees

Monday:	Board of Selectmen - 7:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Conference Room, Police Station
Tuesday:	Library Trustees - 7:30 pm, 2nd Tuesday, Public Library Planning Board - 7:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Conference Room, Police Station
Thursday:	Conservation Commission - 7:00 pm, 1st Thursday, Conference Room, Police Station Zoning Board of Adjustment - 7:30 pm, 2nd Thursday, Conference Room, Police Station

Office Hours

Assessor's Office	M - F	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	279-4538
Code Enforcement	M - F	8:00 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	279-4538
General Assistance	M - W	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	279-4538
	Closed Thursday's & Friday's		
Municipal Office	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Planning & Zoning	M - F	8:00 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Public Library	T, W	10:00 am - 8:00 pm	279-4303
	TH	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	
	F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
	SAT	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	
Public Works Department	M - F	7:30 am - 4:30 pm	279-6352
Includes Buildings & Grounds, Cemetery & Highway Departments			
Recreation Department	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Solid Waste Facility	Daily -	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	279-8480
	Closed Wednesday's and Holidays		
Tax Collector	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Town Clerk	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Town Manager	M - F	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	279-4538
Water & Sewer Department	M - F	7:00 am - 3:30 pm	279-3046

Town of Meredith

All Emergency Calls Dial "9-1-1"

Emergency & Health Information

Community Action Program	279-4096
Emergency Management Director	279-8933
Lakes Region General Hospital	524-3211
Meredith Public Health Nursing	279-6611
Hanover Poison Information Center	1-800-562-8236

Meredith Municipal Office

Business	279-4538
Fax	279-1042
Public Information Line (recorded message)	279-5373

Meredith Public Library

Business	279-4303
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Police/Fire-Local and State

Belknap County Sheriff's Department	524-3830
Meredith Fire Department non-emergency	279-6061
Meredith Police Department non-emergency	279-4561
State Police (Concord)	1-800-852-3411
State Police (Tamworth)	323-8112

We have the following available services for the general public at the Municipal Office.

Permits to Kindle Fires	279-4538
TDD	279-4538
Notary/Justice of the Peace	\$5.00/document